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ADDENDA
TO THE
GENERAL REGULATIONS¹⁸²¹ AND ORDERS
OF
THE ARMY,
Of the 1st January, 1822.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To General Officers Commanding on Foreign Stations.

Horse Guards, 22nd Jan. 1822.

SIR,

Considerable inconvenience and expense having arisen from the Enlistment abroad, and bringing home of Foreigners, by Corps serving on Foreign Stations, but more especially by Regiments serving in the East Indies, I have the honour to signify His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief's desire, that previous to the return of such Corps to this Country, all Foreigners be discharged, who, under any circumstances, may have been permitted to be enlisted; and that no person be allowed to accompany a Regiment returning from any Foreign Station, who is not, in every respect, entitled to his domicile, and, eventually, to a Pension in this Country.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 395.)

Horse Guards, 3rd June, 1822.

THE King having been graciously pleased to approve of the following Regulation for saluting the Civil and Military Officers (not Princes of the Blood), herein specified, the same is henceforth to be strictly observed by all Commanders of Forts, Garrisons, and Batteries in His Majesty's Colonies, viz.:—

	No. of Guns.
Governor, or Commander of the Forces, by } the King's Appointment }	19
Lieutenant-Governor administering the Go- } vernment by the King's Appointment . . }	17
Ditto when not administering the Government } but holding the King's Appointment . . }	15
Officer Commanding the Troops in the Colony } (if a General Officer) by the King's Appoint- } ment, but not holding the Commission of } Commander of the Forces, or that of Go- } vernor or Lieutenant-Governor }	15

Two Guns less are to be given when any of the above specified Stations are filled by temporary appointment, not confirmed by the King.

This Regulation does not apply to Great Britain, Ireland, or the East India Company's Territories.

By Command of His Royal Highness
the Commander-in-Chief,

H TORRENCE.

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Agents of Cavalry Regiments.

Horse Guards, 27th June, 1822.

SIR,

I have the Commander-in-Chief's commands to notify to you, for the information and guidance of the several Colonels of Cavalry Regiments in your Agency, in their future Supplies of Clothing for their respective Corps, that the Linen Lining of the Overalls is to be discontinued; and that instead thereof, the Colonels will be required to provide each Serjeant, Corporal, Trumpeter, and Private, with a Pair of Flannel Drawers, in conformity with a Pattern which has been approved and deposited at the Office of Military Boards.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments.

Horse Guards, 1st July, 1822.

SIR,

Reports having reached the Commander-in-Chief, that measures are taking in some Regiments to promote the Establishment of Orange Lodges, and that in certain instances Commanding Officers have been solicited to permit Soldiers to receive Diplomas for holding such Lodges, His Royal Highness desires that you will state, for His Royal Highness's Information, whether any attempt of this description has been made in the Regiment under your command, as His Royal Highness cannot too strongly reprobate a practice so fraught with injury to the Discipline of the Army.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Agents of Regiments of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 10th July, 1822.

I AM directed by the Commander-in-Chief to notify to you, for the information of the Colonels of the several Regiments of Infantry employed at Home, in your Agency, that it is in contemplation to discontinue the Breeches and Leggings of the description now in use ; and it is therefore advisable, that any further steps for the provision of the above Articles, shall for the present be suspended.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To General Officers on the Staff, at Home and Abroad.

Horse Guards, 18th July, 1822.

I AM directed to signify to you His Royal Highness the Commander-in Chief's pleasure, that you transmit in future to the Secretary at War, Quarterly Returns of Casualties which may occur among the Military and Medical Staff of the Army at ———, shewing also in what manner the Balances of such Officers have been appropriated.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM

For Agents of Heavy Cavalry Regiments.

Horse Guards, 8th Aug. 1822.

IN consequence of the Alteration prescribed by the Regulation of 25th April last, in the Helmet of Officers of Heavy Cavalry, His Majesty has been pleased to direct, that the Helmets in use by the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Heavy Dragoon Regiments, shall be discontinued; and an approved Pattern of the Helmet intended to be adopted, has been sealed and lodged at the Office for Boards of General Officers.

Helmets of the pattern heretofore in use will be permitted to continue in wear until the expiration of the period for which they may have been furnished.

The Helmet now established being understood to be more expensive, and being of a superior quality, will only be supplied on Home Service once in every Six Years.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM

For Officers Commanding Highland Regiments.

Horse Guards, 20th Aug. 1822.

THE Red Vulture Feather prescribed by the recent Regulations for Highland Regiments is intended to be used exclusively by the Forty-second Regiment: other Highland Corps will be allowed to continue in wear the same description of Feather that may have been hitherto in use.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Agents of Regiments of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 21st Aug. 1822.

IN reference to my Letter of the 10th Ultimo, in regard to the discontinuance of Breeches and Leggings of the description now in use by the several Regiments of Infantry at Home, I am directed to signify to you, for the information and guidance of the Colonels of the several Corps concerned, that in cases where Breeches may not have been actually provided on account of the Clothing intended for the Service of the ensuing year, the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct that Cloth Trowsers, of the prescribed pattern, may be supplied instead of the Breeches.

The Men in consequence of the above arrangement will be liable, as is the case in respect to Regiments Abroad, to the usual stoppage for the difference between the expense of Trowsers and Breeches.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM

For Regiments of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 3rd Oct. 1822.

THE Commander-in-Chief directs it to be notified, in reference to recent Regulations in regard to Officers' Dress, that the *Gorget* is intended to form part of the Officers' Equipment, and to be worn on all occasions of Duty hitherto established by the usage of the Service.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments.

Horse Guards, 6th Nov. 1822.

WITH reference to the directions contained in page 21 of the General Regulations and Orders of the Army, which require "That a Record of the Services of every Regiment shall be deposited in the Office of the Adjutant-General," I am directed to signify to you His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief's Command, that you cause a Statement to be forthwith prepared, containing the following information, as far as you have been able to collect and obtain the same in making up the Record Book of the Regiment, according to the General Regulations issued in August 1811

- 1.—The period and circumstances of the original Formation of the Regiment
- 2.—The Stations at which the Regiment has been, from time to time, employed, with the periods of its arrival at, and departure from, such Stations.
- 3.—An account of the Battles, Sieges, or other Military Operations, in which the Regiment has been engaged, particularly specifying any achievement it may have performed, and the Colours, Trophies, &c. it may have captured from the enemy.
- 4.—The names of the Officers, and the number of Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, killed or wounded,

wounded by the enemy, specifying the place and date of the action.

5.—The names of those Officers, who, in consideration of their gallant services and meritorious conduct in engagements with the enemy, have been distinguished with Titles, Medals, or other marks of His Majesty's gracious favour.

6.—The names of all such Non-commissioned Officers and Privates as may have specially signalized themselves in action

7.—The Badges and Devices which the Regiment may have been permitted to bear, and the causes on account of which such Badges or Devices, or any other marks of distinction, were granted, specifying the dates of such permission being granted.

I have, &c.

H. TORREN,
Adjutant-General.

Circular Memorandum.

Horse Guards, 14th Nov. 1822.

As some partial misunderstanding appears to exist regarding that part of the General Order of the 25th April 1822, which refers to the Officers of the Army appearing in Uniform Great Coats, the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to command, that the following explanation may be circulated on the subject :—

- 1.—It is optional with Staff and Regimental Officers to wear Great Coats of the regulated pattern when their convenience may dictate, *upon ordinary occasions*, provided they are never worn at quarters without the sword and sash, the cocked hat for the Staff, and the cap for Regimental Officers.
- 2.—Officers are never to wear Great Coats at any parade, or upon any duty whatever with the men, except upon those occasions when the soldiers are ordered to wear their Great Coats, and then Officers must wear the Great Coat, or Cloak.

General Officers and Commanding Officers of Regiments will be pleased to see that the detailed points of this explanation are particularly attended to.

By His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief's Command,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

See further Orders in Pages 417 and 584.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 28th Nov. 1822.

IN reference to the Orders contained in page 24 of the Regulations relating to the Dress of General, Staff, and Regimental Officers, the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to approve of a *Physician* being distinguished from a Surgeon by having *Two* embroidered Loops on the Collar;—and of an *Assistant Staff Surgeon* being distinguished from an Hospital Assistant, by having *One* embroidered Loop on the Collar.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 398.)

Horse Guards, 30th Nov. 1822.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to Command, that the Standards in the Cavalry shall be carried in future by Troop-Serjeant-Majors, and the Commander-in-Chief desires that the same may be observed accordingly.

By His Royal Highness's Command,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 399.)

Horse Guards, 20th Dec. 1822.

THE Commander-in-Chief desires, that Officers Commanding Regiments and Detachments serving on the Irish Establishment, will, on all occasions, assist, by every means in their power, the references and enquiries of Mr. RICHARD CANE, Army Agent, Dublin, resident Sub-Agent to Chelsea Hospital, relative to Chelsea Pensioners who reside in Ireland, and are permitted to draw their Pensions in that Country.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 400.)

Horse Guards, 30th Dec. 1822.

THE Master-General and Board of Ordnance having issued the annexed Regulations, in addition to those published with the General Order of 16th May, 1821*, respecting Surveys upon Ordnance Stores at Home and Abroad, the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that the same shall in like manner be circulated, for the information and guidance of the Officers Commanding the Troops at the several Stations where such Surveys may be appointed to be held.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

* See page 373.

Copy of a Circular Letter addressed by the Secretary to the Board of Ordnance, to the Storekeepers and Deputy Storekeepers, at the respective Ordnance Stations at Home and Abroad.

Office of Ordnance, 18th Dec. 1822.

It being directed by the Instructions to the Honourable Surveyor-General, that he is to survey, or have surveys made, Annually, of all Stores in Magazine, and in charge of any of the Storekeepers, which Surveys are to be taken in conjunction with the Officers of the Ordnance, and by Officers of Artillery, and Engineers at each Station, and by an Officer of the Navy, (for the Sea Service Stores,) and one of the Army, (for the Land Service Stores,) if there should be any such Officers on the spot; I have it in command to state the same for your information, and to signify the Board's desire that, whenever such Annual Survey shall be authorized at

, or when it may be necessary to survey Stores with a view to the condemnation of those that are unserviceable, according to the Master-General's and Board's Circular Order, dated 19th April, 1821, you will be careful in your applications to the Military and Naval Authorities upon the spot, for the attendance of Officers from those Services upon such Surveys, to state the Rank of the Officers of Ordnance likely to be employed, in order that the Commanding Officers of the Troops or Ships at the Station, may appoint Officers of the nearest corresponding Ranks under their Command; upon which point the Board have communicated with His Royal Highness

Highness the Commander-in-Chief, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

The Board, however, direct me further to state to you, that when it may be requisite to survey Stores which may be occasionally returned from any of His Majesty's Ships, they are of opinion that no objection need attach to the nomination of the Gunner of the Ship, instead of a Commissioned Naval Officer, to attend the Survey, in consequence of his interest in, and connection with the Stores to be surveyed.

You will be pleased to observe, that it is not the Board's intention, that any Officers of the Artillery or Engineers, or of the Line or the Navy, should be required to travel from the places where they are respectively stationed, to join in the Annual or other Surveys, so as to occasion a claim for travelling expenses; but that their attendance is only expected when any of them are on duty at the place where the Stores in charge of each Storekeeper are deposited.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
R. H. CREW.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Colonels of Regiments of Cavalry in India.

Horse Guards, 25th Jan. 1823.

SIR,

THE Commander-in-Chief having had under consideration certain parts of the existing Regulations for the Equipment of Cavalry, as far as they apply to India, and it having been found, from the Reports which have been received from Officers most conversant with the Cavalry Service in that Country, that the Saddle Blanket, as now used with the Hussar Saddle, is ill-adapted to the Climate, I have the honour, by His Royal Highness's Command, to signify to you, for your information and guidance, that the Saddle Blanket is to be discontinued from 25th December next, and no longer to form a part of the Cavalry Equipment for Corps in India.

As a substitute for the Blankets, Regiments are to be supplied from the above period with a fixed Pannel or Pad, which, it appears, can be manufactured in that Country, and has been found, it is stated, in every way well calculated for the purpose required.

The above Pannels are to be procured at the Charge of the respective Colonels; and to indemnify them for the additional Expense thus thrown upon them, the following Arrangement is to take effect from 25th December next, the period at which Cavalry Regiments in India will be entitled to New Clothing.

It

It is understood, that the Cavalry Chaco, of the established pattern and quality, will wear by care for a year at least beyond the period prescribed; and under these circumstances, Colonels will only be required, from the above date, to supply their respective Corps with New Chacoas once in every three years; by which means a Saving will accrue to them fully adequate to cover the Expense of the Pannels.

The Horse Cloth, which, in consequence of the discontinuance of the Saddle Blanket, it will be necessary to revert to, will be provided at the Charge of the Soldier, and be considered as part of his Necessaries.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 401.)

Horse Guards, 30th Jan^y 1823.

DIFFICULTIES having arisen upon the part of certain Individuals in regard to the payment of those Subscriptions which are required of Regimental Officers, the Commander-in-Chief has received the King's commands to declare to the Army, that His Majesty considers every Officer bound to pay the ordinary Regimental Mess and Band Subscriptions when he shall enter a Regiment, whether he joins it or not ; and that His Majesty will regard any attempt to resist these payments as a violation of discipline.

Officers are expected to join their Regiments immediately upon their appointment ; and when, instead of doing so, they receive any Leave of Absence, it would be highly improper to make such indulgence a plea, whereon to evade any regulation or usage which has been sanctioned by His Majesty.

Experience having proved the maintenance of a Regimental Mess to be necessary to the due preservation of harmony, respectability, and discipline, in a Military Society ;—and the support of a Regimental Band, upon the economical scale prescribed in the General Order of the 8th of November, 1821*, to be due to the credit of a Regiment ; His Royal Highness will bring under His Majesty's special notice the Conduct of any Individual

* See pages 115 and 415.

who shall hereafter presume to interrupt the comfort of his Brother Officers, and the respectability of his Corps, by thus cavilling at, or dissenting from arrangements, which have been adopted throughout the Service to confer a general benefit, and which are confirmed by His Majesty's gracious approval.

The Commander-in-Chief expects, however, that the present Order will not be perverted into a license to distress Individuals by extravagance under either of the above heads; and His Royal Highness will accordingly be ready to receive, investigate, and redress any Complaints that shall be made by Officers, who may feel aggrieved by undue exactions, at variance with the general custom of the Service; but His Royal Highness will, of course, in every instance, hold the Complainant strictly responsible for the correctness of his representation.

By His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief's Command,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 402.)

House Guards, 14th February, 1823. *

IN reference to the Orders contained in page 275 of the General Regulations of the Army, His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct, that a few sheets shall be added to the Book for the "*Registry of Deceased Soldiers*," which shall contain the Names of the Officers, as well as of the Non-commissioned Officers, Trumpeters, Drummers, and Private Soldiers, with the particulars of the *next of Kin*, as prescribed in the annexed Form.

By His Royal Highness,
The Commander-in-Chief's Command,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

Regiment of

CHRISTIAN and SURNAME	NEXT OF KIN.			
	Degree of Relation- ship.	Name	Latest known Residence	
			County	Parish
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N B Sheets of this Form properly prepared, and adapted so as to make the necessary addition to the *Registry of Deceased Soldiers*, may be procured on application to Mr. Clowes, 14 Charing-Cross

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments.

Horse Guards, 7th April, 1823.

SIR,

Regimental Courts-Martial being now empowered, by the Provisions of the 25th Section of the Mutiny Act, to sentence Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers "to Imprisonment, with or without Hard Labour, in any House of Correction, Common Gaol, or Public Prison, or in any other place which such Courts may deem fit and convenient for the purpose," I have the Commander-in-Chief's Commands, in announcing this Enactment to you, to desire that you will enjoin Regimental Courts-Martial, holden in the Corps under your Orders, to be very careful, when they have recourse to the before-mentioned Punishment, strictly to confine themselves, in framing the Sentence, to the terms of the Act of Parliament, that is, according as the case may be, to use the precise words, "Imprisonment," or "Imprisonment with Hard Labour," without any qualification or addition whatever; and I am further to desire that you do not in any instance approve and confirm a Sentence of a Regimental Court-Martial, which is not worded in due conformity to the injunction here laid down.

A Regimental Court Martial, you will observe, is authorized to fix the place of Imprisonment; but it is not required, or indeed competent, to regulate the nature either of the Confinement or Hard Labour to which the

See further Orders in page 415.

 Prisoner

Prisoner may be subjected. These must depend upon circumstances. A Soldier sentenced to *Imprisonment with Hard Labour*, must of course take his share of that kind of Labour established in the Prison to which he is committed; and, in like manner, a Soldier sentenced to *Imprisonment only*, must go through the course of his Confinement, whether there may happen to be other Prisoners, during the whole or any part of this time, to bear him company.

In cases where *Imprisonment only* is awarded, it is the Commander-in-Chief's desire, that the Sentence shall always, where circumstances will admit, be carried into effect at the Head-Quarters of the Regiment, and under the eye of the Commanding Officer; His Royal Highness being convinced that it will thus be attended with more beneficial consequences, both in effecting the correction of the Offender, and in serving as an example and warning to the rest of the Corps.—The Commanding Officer will also have it more in his power to judge, whether it may be expedient or proper to abridge the term of confinement, or grant any remission of the punishment.

In cases where *Hard Labour* is awarded in addition to *Imprisonment*, a Public Prison must necessarily be resorted to; but it is in the power of the Court, or of the Commanding Officer, (if, by the Sentence, the matter is left to him, which may in general be advisable,) to fix upon that place of Imprisonment, the Regulations of which appear best calculated to answer the object in view.

In every case it is the Commander-in-Chief's pleasure that, before a Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier is committed to Prison under the Sentence of a Regimental Court-Martial,

Court-Martial, if in Great Britain, a Report of the Case shall be transmitted to this Office, accompanied by a Medical Certificate that the Man is free from Disease*.

I have it further in Command to desire that the President of every Regimental Court-Martial may be put in possession of a Copy of this Letter, which he will communicate to the Members at their deliberation, previous to the Finding and Sentence

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

* See page 202.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 403.)

Horse Guards, 1st May, 1823.

THE Board of Customs having established the annexed Regulations, relative to the employment of the Military in aid of the Revenue Coast-Guard, the Commander-in-Chief desires that they may be strictly complied with by the Troops who shall, from time to time, be placed upon that Service.

By Command of His Royal Highness,
The Commander-in-Chief,

H TORREN,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR.—(Copy.)*Coast-Guard Office, 27th March, 1823.*

SIR,

The following Regulations, relative to the employment of Dragoons in aid of the Revenue Coast-Guard, are in future to be observed :—

1. In all cases where Dragoons may be stationed in or near a District, and where their assistance shall appear to the Inspecting Commander to be necessary for the more effectual guard of the Stations under their Inspection, they are to make application in writing to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, to which the Troops belong, for such a number as can be spared.

2. Whenever

2. Whenever the Service shall require the Troops to be called out, the same is only to be done under the direction of the Chief Officer of the Station nearest to which they shall be quartered.

3. The Riding Officer, attached to the Station, is the person by whom the Chief Officer's directions are to be conveyed to the Military, and in whose company they are to proceed to patrol, or to render the required assistance.

I have therefore to desire, that you communicate the same to the several Chief Officers and Riding Officers under your Inspection, and direct their strict compliance with the second and third articles accordingly.

You will understand that these Instructions relate merely to all future arrangements, and are not intended to interfere with the distribution of the Military as at present arranged, without a previous Report to this Office of any alteration you may think proper to suggest.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed)

W. BOWLER

To the

*Inspecting Commander
of the Coast-Guard Service
at*

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments in Great Britain.

Horse Guards, 16th May, 1823.

SIR,

The Board of Ordnance having represented to the Commander-in-Chief, that several requisitions have recently been made by Commanding Officers of Regiments and Detachments upon the Ordnance Storekeepers for Ammunition for firing Salutes on certain public occasions, I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to acquaint you, that Officers in the command of corps are not entitled to call upon the Ordnance Storekeepers for the issue of Ammunition, except under the Regulations prescribed in page 102 of the General Orders of the Army.

Upon any particular occasion arising, in which an *extra* supply of Ammunition may be required, it is incumbent on Commanding Officers to make a *special* application to the Adjutant-General, by whom, if approved by the Commander-in-Chief, the necessary communication will be made to the Ordnance Department.

I have, &c.,

JOHN MACDONALD,

Deputy-Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 20th May, 1823.

SIR,

With the view of securing due attention to the System of Equitation, which has been established in the Cavalry Service, His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that a Register shall be kept in every Regiment, calculated to shew the ability and proficiency of Officers and Men, as well as the zeal and attention of the Instructors.

In this register, the officers, men, and horses, are to be formed into *Three Classes*, according to their respective acquirements.

The *first* class to consist of such officers and men as have attained that degree of dexterity and perfection in the Equitation Drills, as may render them competent to any duty to which they may be liable.

The *second* class to comprise the young officers, recruits, and others, who may be in an intermediate state of proficiency

The *third* class to include officers and men of inferior acquirements, as well as those in the early stages of instruction.

The Horses are to be classed in like manner.

The classifications are to be made under the direction of the Commanding Officer, and any alterations to be determined by him on receiving the weekly reports of the Riding Master.

See further Orders in page 516.

 Dismissals

Dismissals from attendance at the riding drills are to be authorised by the Commanding Officer only, after personal inspection.

In addition to the register to be kept by the Riding Master, a *Class Roll* is to be kept in each Troop, of the Officers, Men, and Horses belonging to it.

The above Registers are to be shewn, with the other Regimental Books, to the Inspecting General at the usual half-yearly inspections.

I have, &c.,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

*Printed Forms of the Riding Master's Register and Reports, may be procured of Mr Clowes,
14, Charing Cross, London*

INFANTRY HALF-BOOTS.

Memorandum for Regimental Agents.

Horse Guards, 30th May, 1823.

THE Half-Boots to be furnished to the Infantry of the Army, are to be presented for inspection, and forwarded to the respective regiments *unpierced*, in order to obviate any difficulty that might otherwise arise in fitting the soldier on their arrival.

JOHN MACDONALD,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

Memorandum for Regimental Agents.

Horse Guards, 17th June, 1823.

PATTERNS of the Wings and Tufts to be worn by the Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the Infantry of the Army (distinguishing Grenadiers, Light Infantry, and Battalion), have been attached to the sealed pattern coats deposited at the Office for Military Boards; and the Clothiers of the several Regiments are to be directed to prepare their Annual Patterns for scaling, in strict conformity thereto.

It is considered, that the other Coats will be fitted with better effect, agreeably to this Pattern, on reaching the Regiments, and for this purpose the Fringe, &c., is to be sent in materials to each Corps.

JOHN MACDONALD,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

See further Orders in page 414.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 404.)

Horse Guards, 18th June, 1823.

His Majesty has been pleased to approve of the discontinuance of Breeches, Leggings, and Shoes, as part of the Clothing of the Infantry Soldier, and of *Blue Grey* Cloth Trowsers, and Half Boots, being substituted.

Patterns of the articles intended to be adopted have been prepared, sealed, and deposited at the proper office in Spring Gardens; and all supplies on account of Clothing for the ensuing period are to be made in strict conformity thereto.

In order to indemnify the Colonels for the additional expense they will in consequence incur, the Waistcoat hitherto provided with the Clothing, will, from the 25th December next, be considered as an article of necessaries to be furnished by the Soldier, who, being relieved from the cost of the long and short gaiter, as also from the stoppage hitherto made in aid of the extra expense of the Trowsers (in all cases where such have been allowed to be furnished as part of the Clothing of Regiments), and being, moreover, supplied with articles of a description calculated to last longer than the Breeches and Shoes now issued, cannot fail to be benefited by the above arrangement.

The Waistcoats are to be made up, on all occasions, in strict conformity to the approved pattern.

The Non-Commissioned Officers, Drummers and Pri-

vates of the Infantry Regiments, both at home and abroad, are at all times to be in possession of a pair of white Linen Trowsers (conformable to a pattern which has been sealed and deposited at the Clothing Office), to be worn on all occasions of Dress Parade, instead of a second pair of Cloth Trowsers, with which they have hitherto been required to furnish themselves.

The *Dark Grey* Trowsers which were formerly supplied at the option of the Colonels are entirely abolished.

The 60th, and all Rifle Regiments, will continue to wear Green Trowsers, as at present established. Regiments in the West Indies will continue the use of blue *Serge*.

With the view of placing the Regiments serving in the West Indies, whose *Serge* Trowsers are inferior in value to the Cloth Trowsers of the rest of the Infantry, on an equal footing with them, three pair of Cotton Socks for the Serjeants, and two pair for the other ranks, will be furnished by the Colonel, and, in future, form part of the soldier's annual equipment.

It will be perceived that the above Regulations are not intended to apply to the Highland Regiments, or to the Royal Staff Corps, which will continue on their present footing.

By Command of His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

Memorandum for Agents of Light Dragoons.

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Horse Guards, 30th June, 1823.

HIS Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to approve of the Regiments of Light Dragoons being permitted to wear the White and Red Horse-hair Plume, instead of the Feather prescribed by the Warrant.

A pattern Plume has been deposited for reference at the Office for Military Boards.

JOHN MACDONALD,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To Agents of Regiments of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 7th July, 1823.

IN reference to the Memorandum, dated Horse Guards, 17th June last*, on the subject of Wings and Tufts, to be worn by the Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Infantry of the Army, I have it in command to acquaint you, for the information of the Colonels of the respective Regiments in your Agency, that the precise quantity of Fringe which is placed on the sealed patterns, and which they will be called upon to provide, will be as follows :—

10 inches for the Button Straps,

52 inches for the Flank Companies' wings,

18 inches for the Straps of Rifle Corps.

I have, &c.

JOHN MACDONALD,
Deputy Adjutant-General

* See page 410.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments.

Horse Guards, 26th Aug. 1823.

SIR,

Doubts having arisen as to the powers which Courts-Martial possess of investigating the general character of a Prisoner under trial, I have the Commander-in-Chief's Commands to acquaint you, for your future guidance, and that of the Officers of the Regiment under your Command, that it is open to the Court, before passing Sentence, to enquire what is the general character of the Prisoner under trial, from the individual Officer who may, from his situation in the Corps, be most competent to answer that question; such individual to be at liberty to speak from his own general knowledge of the Prisoner's character; or, in order to refresh his memory, to refer to the Regimental Defaulter Book; but in no case can the circumstances relating to offences for which the Prisoner may have been formerly tried become the subject of renewed investigation.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 405.)

Horse Guards, 28th Aug. 1823.

WITH reference to the General Order of the 8th November, 1821, the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that, in future, the establishment of each Regimental Band throughout the Service shall be a Serjeant (Master) and Fourteen Musicians; but, in granting this indulgence, it is His Royal Highness's express Command, that the strong prohibition contained in that Order, against any excess of the prescribed numbers, shall be strictly applied to the establishment now authorized.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

See page 125.

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MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 30th Aug. 1823.

WHEN Regimental Officers wear their Great Coats, they are, for the sake of convenience, permitted to wear their swords slung outside the Great Coat, with a black leather waist-belt.

It is, however, to be distinctly understood, that this indulgence is not to be resorted to on any other occasion ; that the waist-belt shall be perfectly uniform, of the plainest and most economical pattern ; and having no ornaments, beyond the usual rings and buckles, with a clasp in front bearing the Number of the Regiment.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Agents of Regiments of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 18th Dec. 1823.

I HAVE it in command to acquaint you, for the information of Colonels of Regiments of Infantry in your Agency, that His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to dispense with the provision of Chacos for the Grenadier Companies of Regiments on all Stations where Bear-skin Caps are worn.

His Royal Highness has been further pleased to direct, that the Bear-skin Cap is to be considered as forming part of the usual dress of all Grenadier Companies on such Stations, and is to be supplied once every six years by Colonels of Regiments, in the same manner as the Caps of the Regiments of Fusiliers.

I am, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

See also page 421.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments at Home.

Horse Guards, 26th December, 1823.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you, that it is the Commander-in-Chief's pleasure that the directions contained in the Deputy Adjutant-General's Circular Letter of the 18th November, 1818, prohibiting Courts-Martial from adjudging Soldiers convicted of Desertion to *General Service*, shall be cancelled; and His Royal Highness now approves of Courts-Martial passing such Sentence on Deserters, according to the Provisions contained in the 6th Section of the Mutiny Act, until further Order.

I am at the same time to desire, that a Report may be transmitted to me, for the Commander-in-Chief's information, of all Men who may be thus sentenced, in order that an authority may be given for their being sent under Escort to the Isle of Wight, with a view to their being embarked for Foreign Service when opportunities may offer.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments.

Horse Guards, 26th Jan. 1821.

SIR,

With a view to the greater ease and accommodation of the Soldier, in the performance of his various duties, whether when under Arms, or on Guard, or on the March, His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct that the following Regulations shall be observed in the mode of rolling and carrying the Great Coat, according to the different circumstances to which they may apply.

1st On ordinary occasions of mounting duty (where the Knapsack is not carried) the Great Coat to be folded square—seventeen inches by eleven.

2nd. In Light Marching Order, the Great Coat to be contained within the Knapsack, in the manner already practised.

3rd. In Heavy Marching Order (when the Knapsack will not contain both Blanket and Great Coat), the Great Coat to be rolled lengthwise, in the manner hereafter prescribed, and then placed over the top of the Knapsack round the Tin, describing the shape of a Horse Collar, or Yoke.

The upper part of the Coat when thus disposed, to be confined to the Knapsack by the Strap belonging to the Tin; and the lower part, consisting of the two ends, to be confined in the same manner to the Knapsack by the
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end of the Strap which attaches these together, and which will be passed through an additional Buckle fixed to the bottom of the Knapsack for this purpose.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

The Method of Rolling the Great Coat is as follows :—

The Great Coat being laid with its back to the floor, the opening of the two sides are brought together in front, as if to button, the cape extended to its full length, and the two ends folded over each other; the sleeves are stretched down the front, rather to the centre.

The right-hand side of the Coat is then folded over the sleeve, so as to form a straight line with the cape,—the left side is rolled over, till the Coat forms one narrow Roll, corresponding with the length of the Coat *.

See further Instructions contained in page 457.

CIRCULAR LETTER
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To Agents of Regiments of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 3rd Feb. 1824.

IN reference to the Circular Letter from this Department, of 18th of December last*, I have the Commander-in-Chief's Commands to signify to you, that the Bear-skin Caps directed to be worn by the Grenadier Companies of Regiments, are confined to the Stations of Great Britain and Ireland, and America.

I am, &c.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

* See page 418.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Agents of Regiments of Light Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 6th Feb. 1824.

I HAVE it in Command to signify to you, for the information of the Colonels of Light Dragoon Regiments in your Agency, that His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to approve of Brass Scales being worn by those Regiments, instead of the Worsted Epaulette now in use.

I am further to acquaint you, that these Scales will be furnished every four years by the Colonels with the Clothing, without any Charge to the Soldier, it being found that the saving in the Worsted Epaulette for that period will indemnify the Colonels for this expense.

A Pattern of the Scales approved by the Commander-in-Chief has been sealed at this Office, and deposited for reference at the Office of the Consolidated Board of General Officers.

I am, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 408.)

Horse Guards, 12th Feb. 1824.

It has been recently brought to the Commander-in-Chief's notice, that an Officer commanding a Detachment of Troops on board of one of the East India Company's Ships, ventured to oppose the boarding of that Vessel by certain Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy, who had been sent from one of His Majesty's Ships for that purpose; and His Royal Highness deeming such a proceeding to be highly improper, as tending to place one branch of His Majesty's Service in collision with another, has felt himself called upon to convey his censure and admonition to the Officer who took so ill-judged a view of his duty. The circumstance is thus published to the Army, in order to caution all Officers against an interference with His Majesty's Navy, in case a Detachment of it should at any time be ordered to board a Ship in which Troops may be embarked.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 409.)

Horse Guards, 8th March, 1824.

IN reference to the directions contained in the General Order of the 10th November, 1819, and in page 263 of the General Regulations of the Army, His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that a Return shall be made up and transmitted, with as little delay as possible, by every Regiment throughout the Army, specifying the several particulars enumerated in the prescribed Form, for the year 1823.

The Commander-in-Chief is also pleased to direct, that an Annual Return, according to the prescribed Form, shall in future be transmitted to the Adjutant-General, immediately after the first of January in each year.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

See further Orders in page 409.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Infantry.

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Horse Guards, 24th March, 1824.

SIR,

It having been represented to the Commander-in-Chief, that the Armourers of Regiments have, in some instances, been in the habit of softening the Plates and Cocks of the Small Arms, His Royal Highness has been pleased to direct, that this practice shall be entirely abolished, as one calculated to diminish the action of the lock by destroying the case-hardening principle, on which its efficiency depends.

His Royal Highness is further pleased to command, that the attention of the Serjeant Armourers of Regiments shall be directed solely to preserve the Arms *in the same state in which they are delivered from His Majesty's Stores* ; and which, by arrangements made in concert with the Master-General of the Ordnance, will be hereafter, in the case-hardened state, *bright* ; but in cases where the Arms shall have been issued of a different colour, no measures will, on any account, be taken to alter their appearance, for the reasons already assigned.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Colonels of Regiments of Infantry.

Home Guards, 26th March, 1824.

SIR,

In reference to the Regulation which has hitherto existed relative to the Breadth of the Belts to be provided for their respective Corps, by Colonels of Infantry Regiments, and which the Commander-in-Chief was pleased to limit to two inches and five-eighths, I have now the honour to acquaint you, that, with the view of ensuring the most punctual attention to this order, His Royal Highness has been pleased to direct that the Belts, hereafter issued, should be two inches and three-quarters in breadth, to make allowance for the effect of shrinking and cleaning in the course of service, and which it is presumed will have the effect of preserving more exactly the standard breadth originally laid down.

It is, at the same time, to be perfectly understood, that the application of this Order will have only a prospective effect, and that in all cases where the Accoutrements of Regiments are otherwise in a serviceable state, the circumstance of their having shrunk below the standard of two inches and five-eighths shall not operate in any degree with Officers commanding Regiments, or Officers appointed to sit on Boards of Survey, as a motive for condemning them.

His Royal Highness has commanded me, at the same time, to signify to you, that under no circumstances what-

ever he will permit any future Belts that may be issued to Regiments to *exceed* two inches and three-quarters in breadth; and that the Inspecting Generals, and Commanding Officers of Regiments, will be held strictly responsible to the Commander-in-Chief that no deviation from this Order shall be allowed.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 410.)

Horse Guards, 8th April, 1824.

THE annexed Regulations concerning “the Appointment of persons to Commissions in the Army, the Prices of Commissions, the Purchase and Sale of Regimental Commissions,” &c., having been approved by His Majesty, are henceforth to be observed, instead of those which are detailed between pages 44 and 57 of the “General Regulations and Orders for the Army.”

The Circular Letter of the 7th June, 1823, addressed to Colonels and Commanding Officers of Regiments, relative to Exchanges, is cancelled by the present Regulations, which contain all the provisions of that Document.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,

HENRY TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

*Appointment of Persons to Commissions in the Army;
Prices of Commissions; the Purchase and Sale of
Regimental Commissions, &c. °*

No Person is considered eligible to hold a Commission in the Army until he has attained the Age of Sixteen Years.

All Recommendations for Commissions shall certify the Eligibility of the Person recommended in respect to Education, Character, Connexions, and Bodily Health, and that he is prepared immediately to join any Regiment to which he may be appointed. His Christian Name and Place of Address must also be particularly stated.

All Applications regarding Regimental Appointments, Promotions, Exchanges, or Removals, or for Permission to retire from the Army, are to be transmitted to the Commander-in-Chief's Military Secretary, through the Colonel, or the Officer commanding the Regiment, if the Regiment is at home; or, if the Regiment is abroad, through the General Officer commanding at the Station.

It is the duty of Regimental Agents to make regular Communications to the Commanding Officers of Regiments, of all Appointments, Promotions, Removals, and Exchanges of Officers, specifying the Dates of the same taking place.

The London Gazettes published by authority, in which all Military Appointments, Promotions, Exchanges and Removals are inserted, and which are transmitted by the Secretary at War to the General Officers commanding on Foreign Stations, are to be considered as Official Notifications of the Appointments, &c., so published.

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In particular instances, Commissions in the Army are allowed to be disposed of by Sale, and the following Table shows their Established Rates of Value.

ESTABLISHED PRICES OF COMMISSIONS										
CORPS	RANKS	Full Price of Commissions			Difference in Value between the several Commissions in succession			Difference in Value between Full and Half-Pay		
		£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Life Guards	Lieutenant Colonel	7250	0	0	1900	0	0			
	Major	5350	0	0	1850	0	0			
	Captain	3500	0	0	1715	0	0			
	Lieutenant	1785	0	0	525	0	0			
	Cornet	1260	0	0						
Royal Regiment of Horse Guards	Lieutenant Colonel	7250	0	0	1900	0	0			
	Major	5350	0	0	1850	0	0			
	Captain	3500	0	0	1715	0	0			
	Lieutenant	1600	0	0	400	0	0			
	Cornet	1200	0	0						
Dragoon Guards and Dragoons	Lieutenant Colonel	6175	0	0	1600	0	0	1532	0	0
	Major	4375	0	0	1350	0	0	1352	0	0
	Captain	2925	0	0	2035	0	0	1034	3	4
	Lieutenant	1190	0	0	350	0	0	622	12	4
	Cornet	840	0	0				300	0	0
Foot Guards	Lieutenant Colonel	9000	0	0	700	0	0			
	Major with Rank of Colonel	8300	0	0	3500	0	0			
	Captain with Rank of Lieut Col	4800	0	0	2750	0	0			
	Lieutenant with Rank of Captain	3050	0	0	850	0	0			
	Ensign with Rank of Lieutenant	1200	0	0						
Regular Regiments of Infantry	Lieutenant Colonel	4500	0	0	1300	0	0	1214	0	0
	Major	3200	0	0	1400	0	0	949	0	0
	Captain	1800	0	0	1100	0	0	511	0	0
	Lieutenant	700	0	0	250	0	0	365	0	0
	Ensign	450	0	0				150	0	0
In Regiments of Fusiliers & Corps having first and second Lieutenants	1st Lieutenant	700	0	0	200	0	0	365	0	0
	2nd Lieutenant	500	0	0				200	0	0
N B Commissions sold in Regiments serving in Ireland, are to be paid for in British Currency										

When an Officer is desirous of retiring from the Service, and of obtaining leave to sell his Commission, he is to send his Resignation through the Commanding Officer of his

his Regiment (if his Regiment is in Great Britain) to his Colonel, who will transmit the same to the Commander-in-Chief through his Military Secretary.

Officers belonging to Regiments stationed in Ireland must make their Applications in a similar course to the Commander of the Forces in that part of the United Kingdom; and on Foreign Stations to the General Officer commanding, their Applications being previously sanctioned by their respective Commanding Officers.

When an Officer is desirous of retiring to Half Pay, receiving the regulated difference, the same Rules are to be observed in regard to transmitting his Application.

Officers retiring upon the Half Pay, and receiving the difference, forfeit all claim to further rank or employment, to the Pension for their Widows, and to Compassionate Allowance for their Children, unless they repay the Difference upon being allowed to come in again upon the same Rank in which they retired, but they forfeit their progressive Rank during the period of their retirement.

Officers upon the Half Pay, who are desirous of paying the regulated Difference for exchange to Full Pay, are to report their wish to the Commander-in-Chief's Military Secretary, and to state by whom their Money will be paid when required.

Quarterly Returns of all Officers prepared to purchase Promotion, are to be regularly transmitted from each Regiment and Corps in the Service, on the 25th March, 25th June, 25th September, and 25th December, in each year, to the Commander-in-Chief's Military Secretary, Horse Guards, London. These Returns must be prepared according to the following Form:—

Return

*Return of Officers of the Regiment of
who are desirous to purchase Promotion.
25th of*

Rank and Names	Where their Money is lodged or to be obtained	Date of present Rank	Standing in the Army	Remarks, stating whether for Rank in the Regiment only, or in any other Corps.

and to be accompanied by written Certificates signed by the Commanding Officer, viz. :—

1st.—“ That he has ascertained by reference, through the Regimental Agent, to the responsible Persons, that in each case there is good and sufficient security that the Purchase-Money will be forthcoming when called for.”

2nd.—“ That of the Individuals so returned as Purchasers, A., B., C, &c. are in all respects deserving of Promotion, and those whom he would not hesitate to recommend, whenever the Vacancy shall offer, as fit for the Duties of the higher and more responsible Commission.” *

* N. B. The General Officer who makes the Half-Yearly Confidential Reports, is hereby directed to state in such Reports his Opinion of the correctness of this Certificate.

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When the Regiment and Commanding Officer are Abroad, the Commanding Officer is to state the Security to which Reference is made, and the Military Secretary will ascertain, through the Agents, whether that Security be good and sufficient, it being understood, that if the answer be not at once satisfactory, the Individual will be struck out of the List of Purchasers.

The Quarterly Return, so certified, is to be the only communication made on the subject of Promotion by Purchase; and when a Resignation is sent in, it will be considered *unconditional* and *irrevocable*, and no Successor is to be pointed out or recommended.

In all cases, the Individual selected for the Purchase, or his Sureties, will be called upon to lodge the Purchase-Money with the Agents.

If the Senior who may have been returned as a Purchaser, and whose Money shall have been certified to be forthcoming, should decline the Purchase when selected for it, or his Sureties should decline it for him, he or they will be called upon to state the Reason for so declining to the Military Secretary, for the Commander-in-Chief's Information; and if the Explanation should not be considered satisfactory, his Name will be struck out of all future Lists of Purchasers.

The Candidates who may be selected from reference to the Quarterly Returns for the Purchase of Promotion out of their own Corps, will be directed to lodge the Purchase-Money, without being acquainted in what Regiment they are to obtain the Promotion, nor will any Application for the Purchase of Promotion which points out the expected Vacancy be admitted.

Similar Returns must be forwarded to the Regimental Agents,

Agents, for the information of their respective Colonels; and, unless Officers' Names are inserted in these Returns, or they shall notify their intentions direct to Head-Quarters, at intermediate periods, stating the reason for previous omission, which reason must be certified by the Colonel or Commanding Officer, they can have no claim to Succession by Purchase.

In all cases of Exchanges between Officers on Full Pay, whether of Cavalry or Infantry, or from Cavalry to Infantry, the Recommendations must be signed by the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the respective Regiments, and must be accompanied by a Declaration signed by the Individuals, and certified by the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Regiments to which they respectively belong; stating that the Exchange recommended does not originate in any Regimental Proceeding of any kind, or in any Cause affecting the Honour and Characters of the Officers, and that there are no grounds of personal objection which have, in the smallest degree, induced an Application for such Exchange, and by the following additional Certificate:—

“ That they do not intend to sell out, or retire upon
 “ Half Pay, after effecting such Exchange, but that it is
 “ their bonâ fide intention to join immediately, and do
 “ duty with the Corps to which they exchange, the Leave
 “ of Absence which may have been granted to either, or
 “ both, being cancelled by such Exchange ”

No Officer of Cavalry who shall apply for Permission to retire on Half Pay, will be allowed to receive the Difference between Full Pay of Cavalry and Full Pay of Infantry, but such Exchange will be viewed as being, to all intents, an Exchange to the Half Pay of his Branch of

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the Service, receiving the Difference between Full Pay and Half Pay, and subject to the restrictions applicable to such Exchanges

In Exchanges to Half Pay, either with, or without the Difference, or from Cavalry to Infantry, the Application must be general and unconditional ; and the Officer upon Full Pay will not be allowed to point out his Successor, who will be indiscriminately selected by the Commander-in-Chief, without any previous notice to the Parties.

Every Officer who, from Wounds, Ill-health, Infirmary, or Age, shall become unfit for Service, and who shall be desirous of retiring upon Half Pay, will transmit his Application through his Colonel, or Commanding Officer, accompanied by a Certificate from the Senior Medical Officer of the Regiment, expressing the Cause of his becoming unfit for Service, and which Certificate must be countersigned by the Colonel or Commanding Officer

It is to be most strictly observed, that no Persons shall be employed in the Purchase, Sale, or Exchange of any Commission in His Majesty's Forces, " except such as are " Agents of Regiments, authorized by the Commander-in-Chief, or by the Colonels or Commandants of Regiments or Corps, and shall act therein under such Regulations only as are, or shall, from time to time, be " established by His Majesty, and shall not cause or procure, or knowingly permit, or suffer to be printed or advertised, any Advertisement or Advertisements, Proposal or Proposals, for any Purchase, or Sale, or Exchange of any Commission, or any Negotiation relating thereto; and shall not receive or take any Money, Fee, Gratuity, or Reward, or any Promise, Agreement, Covenant, Contract, Bond, or Assurance, or by any
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“ way, means, or device, contract or agree to receive, or
 “ have, any Money, Fee, Gratuity, or Reward, for acting
 “ in such behalf.”

“ It is also to be observed, that every Officer in His
 “ Majesty’s Forces who shall take, accept, or receive, or
 “ pay, or agree to pay, any larger Sum of Money,
 “ directly or indirectly, than what is allowed by any
 “ Regulations made by His Majesty in relation to the
 “ Purchase, Sale, or Exchange of Commissions in His
 “ Majesty’s Forces, or who shall pay, or cause to be
 “ paid, any Sum of Money to any Agent or Broker, or
 “ other Person, for negotiating the Purchase, Sale, or
 “ Exchange of any such Commission, shall, on being con-
 “ victed thereof by a General Court Martial, forfeit his
 “ Commission, and be Cashiered ;” and “ That every
 “ Person who shall sell his Commission in His Majesty’s
 “ Forces, and not continue to hold any Commission in
 “ His Majesty’s Forces, and shall, upon, or in relation to
 “ such Sale, take, accept, or receive, directly or indi-
 “ rectly, any Money, Fee, Gratuity, Loan of Money,
 “ Reward or Profit, or any Promise, Agreement, Cove-
 “ nant, Contract, Bond or Assurance, or shall, by any
 “ device or means, contract or agree to receive, or have
 “ any Money, Fee, Gratuity, Loan of Money, Reward or
 “ Profit, beyond the Regulated Price or Value of the
 “ Commission sold, and also every Person who shall
 “ wilfully or knowingly aid, abet, or assist such Person
 “ therein, shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a Mis-
 “ demeanour.” *

It is hereby declared, That in all cases when these

* Vide Act 49 Geo. 3, Cap. 196, Sect. 7 and 8.

Regulations shall appear to the Commander-in-Chief to have been infringed or evaded, the Promotion, or Exchange, will be at once cancelled.

And in all cases where Proof can be obtained, that the Provisions of the Act 49 Geo. 3d. cap. 126, and the 134th clause of the Mutiny Act, have been, directly or indirectly, infringed, the Commander-in-Chief will take Measures for giving full effect to the Penalties which attach to such Offence.

Promotion, Exchange, and Resignation of Regimental Officers.

No Officer shall be promoted to the Rank of Captain, until he has been Two Years an Effective Subaltern.

No Officer shall be promoted to the Rank of Major, until he has been Six Years in the Service.

No Regimental Officer, being actually under Orders to join a Regiment or Battalion on Foreign Service, or to embark with a Corps destined for Foreign Service, shall be permitted to exchange into another Regiment, except such Exchange shall be solicited on the ground of Extreme Ill-health, which must be certified by a Military Medical Officer. In these Medical Certificates it must be clearly stated, whether the cause of the Officer's Inability has, or has not, arisen subsequently to his having been placed under Orders to join his Regiment.

Officers who give in the Resignation of their Commissions, or who apply to retire on Half Pay, with, or without

out the Difference, are not, in consequence, to quit their Regiments, until they receive regular Permission for that purpose.

The Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments of Militia, when embodied, and serving under a General Officer's Command, are required, previously to their submitting the Resignation of any Officer to the Lord-Lieutenants of their respective Counties, to make a communication of their intention through the General Officer Commanding the Brigade, to the General Officer Commanding the District*.

* N B. It is not required that the Communications on this Subject shall be transmitted for the Approbation of the Commander-in-Chief. When the General Officer Commanding has no objection to the Resignation being accepted, he is to signify the same to the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Militia Regiment, who will then forward the Resignation to the Lord-Lieutenant.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 411.)

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Horse Guards, 16th April, 1824.

It having been represented to the Commander-in-Chief, that considerable irregularity has occurred in the receipt of certain Certificates respecting the Clothing of Regiments, directed by the Clothing Regulations for the Cavalry, dated 17th August, 1812, and by those for the Infantry, dated 15th July, 1812*, to be transmitted to the Clothing Board, His Royal Highness has been pleased to direct, that the particular attention of the General Officers commanding Stations or Districts, as well as of Commanding Officers of Regiments, shall be drawn to these Regulations, with a view to their more strict observance in future.

By Clause 6, in both Regulations, it is provided, that the General Officers commanding Stations or Districts, or those appointed to review Regiments, shall transmit, through the Adjutant-General, to the Clothing Board, (as well as Duplicates to the Secretary at War,) Certificates of the conformity of the Clothing of Regiments to the Sealed Patterns, and of its having been delivered in due time to the Soldiers; and if not, of the reasons for the delay; and it is further ordered, that when Clothing is received by a Corps, the Commanding Officer and two Senior Captains present shall make a strict inspection, and draw out a state of the Clothing, which shall be transmitted, through the Adjutant-General, to the Clothing Board.

* Vide War Office Regulations, Vol. ii. Sec. 4.

By Clause 1 of the Infantry Regulations, it is directed that Certificates of Articles of Clothing adapted to the Climate having been delivered to a certain Amount to the Non-commissioned Officers and Men of Regiments serving to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, shall be signed by the Commanding Officers, and transmitted half-yearly, in duplicate, through the Adjutant-General, to the Clothing Board.

It is the Commander-in-Chief's Command that these Regulations shall be punctually adhered to.

By Command of His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 412.)

Horse Guards, 17th April, 1824.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to issue His Royal Warrant, preparatory to the transfer of the Barrack Department to the Management and Superintendence of the Master-General and Board of Ordnance, the Commander-in-Chief deems it essential to direct the special attention of Commanding Officers of Regiments, and of the Troops in general, to the said Warrant, and to desire, that they shall strictly conform to the General Regulations and Orders of the Army upon this head, as laid down between pages 204 and 209.

It having been suggested to the Commander-in-Chief that much benefit would arise to the Public Service, if Commanding Officers would previously satisfy themselves of the correctness of all Documents connected with the Barrack Department, requiring their Signature, particularly Estimates for Repairs of Barracks, and for Stores, and that a remissness in this respect produces the worst consequences, His Royal Highness will hold every Officer responsible, that his Signature shall be withheld upon such occasions, until he shall have taken the necessary steps to ascertain (either personally, or through some Staff, or other Officer, upon whom he can depend) the accuracy of the Papers submitted for his approval.

By Command of His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 30th April, 1824.

SIR,

I AM directed to acquaint you, that it is His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief's Command, that the Horses of the Royal Waggon Train, which may be attached to the Regiment of shall not be exchanged, or replaced, without the previous inspection of the Inspecting General of the Cavalry; but that in all cases when it may be considered for the good of the Service, that such Horses shall be cast, and that they shall be replaced by others which may be more eligible, although unfit for service in the ranks as Troop Horses, a Report of the same shall be made through the Inspecting General of Cavalry, for the Commander-in-Chief's approval.

His Royal Highness further directs, that you transmit to the Officer commanding the Royal Waggon Train (under cover to the Adjutant-General) a Report of the age, size, and description of the Horses thus authorized to be disposed of; and also of those which may be selected to replace them, according to the Form prescribed in page 284 of the General Regulations of the Army.

I have, &c.

JOHN MACDONALD,

Deputy Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 413.)

Horse Guards, 18th May, 1824.

THE Commander-in-Chief having received a Report from Lieutenant-General the Marquis of Londonderry, that His Lordship had accepted a Challenge to fight a Duel with Ensign Battier, late a Cornet of the 10th Royal Hussars, upon a point which his Lordship considered to be one of Military Duty, His Royal Highness has felt it incumbent upon him to submit to the King a transaction at variance with the principles of Subordination, and therefore of a tendency injurious to the Discipline of the Army:—the King has consequently conveyed to His Royal Highness His Majesty's Commands, to express His Majesty's concern and displeasure, that an officer of Lord Londonderry's high rank and military reputation should have committed himself in personal collision with an Inferior Officer, by accepting a Challenge for any supposed aggression proceeding from the exercise of his authority as Colonel of the Regiment;—and His Royal Highness has received His Majesty's further Commands, to caution Colonels and Commanding Officers from falling into any similar Error of Conduct, which must tend to subvert all discipline and subordination, and therefore to destroy the efficiency of the Army.

By His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief's Command,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 414.)

Horse Guards, 18th May, 1824.

It has been reported to the Commander-in-Chief, that, in some instances, ~~Regimental~~ Officers have been employed by certain Societies for the distribution of Bibles and Religious Tracts among the Troops; and, considering that such a duty belongs solely to the Chaplains of the Army, who are attached to Garrisons, or Brigades, and who are the proper and only channel, with the approbation of the Commanding Officers, for all communications of this nature, His Royal Highness strictly forbids Military Officers from accepting or executing any such Commission, under the penalty of His Majesty's severe displeasure.

In giving this Order to the Army, His Royal Highness feels it essential to declare, that Military Chaplains are always ready to perform the Duties for which they are held responsible; and that they will never fail to issue to the Troops, under regular authority, whatever it may be proper to distribute among them.

By His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief's Command,

HENRY TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

N.B. The above Order is cancelled by the Instructions contained in page 472.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 415.)

Horse Guards, 24th May, 1824.

It having been represented to the Commander-in-Chief, that notwithstanding the Orders already in force, great inconvenience has arisen from the want of regular Marriage and Baptismal Certificates from Foreign Stations, of Officers and Soldiers, and their Children, His Royal Highness has been pleased to direct, that the Chaplains to the Forces Abroad shall be instructed to transmit to the Chaplain General's Office, half yearly, and for any broken period that may occur previous to their quitting the Stations on which they are employed, a Copy, duly signed by themselves and the Officer in command of each Station, of the Regimental Registers of Marriages and Baptisms now kept in conformity with the General Regulations on this subject.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,

HENRY TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

. GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 416.)

Horse Guards, 31st May, 1824.

HIS Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of a *Hospital Serjeant* being borne upon the Establishment of each Battalion of Infantry: this Appointment is to take effect in Corps serving in Great Britain and Ireland, and in the Islands of the British Channel, from the 25th June next, and in Regiments serving on Foreign Stations from the 25th December next.

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief directs, that in the Appointment of Hospital Serjeants, Commanding Officers will take care to select Men who are active, intelligent, and of good character.

'The Hospital Serjeants are, in future, to be accounted for in the Regimental Returns, under the head of "Staff Serjeants."

In consequence of this addition to the Establishment of Serjeants, One Private is to be discontinued as a part of the Establishment of Regiments of Infantry, from the respective periods above stated.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To General or other Officers Commanding on Foreign
Stations.*

Horse Guards, 2nd June, 1824.

SIR,

It having been deemed advisable, that the Chaplains to the Forces should be considered the only Medium for the distribution of Religious Books amongst the Troops serving on Foreign Stations, His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that all Consignments of such Books shall be confined to these Officers in future at their respective Stations; and that, in their selection of Religious Books for the use of the Troops in Hospitals, the Chaplains shall be directed to conform to the List published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

You will be pleased to communicate these Instructions to the Chaplains under your Orders, and to acquaint them that more particular Directions on this subject will be forwarded to them from the Chaplain-General, for their information and guidance.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 417.)

Horse Guards, 24th June, 1824.

LEST the General Order of the 18th ultimo should be misunderstood, the Commander-in-Chief makes it known to the Army, that it was not intended thereby to cancel the Authority given to the *Commanding Officers* of Regiments and Depôts in the Circular Letter of the 8th June, 1818, (repeated in the General Regulations of the Army of 1st January, 1822,) for communicating with the Naval and Military Bible Society, respecting the Distribution of Bibles among the Troops; but merely to forbid the employment of any subordinate Agents in the Army for performing a Duty which is only to be executed under the control and superintendence of the Commanding Officers of Corps, and of Military Chaplains, who will hold such Correspondence with the Naval and Military Bible Society, as they may think necessary for the Benefit of the Garrisons and Corps to which they are attached.

By Command of His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

N.B. This Order is cancelled by the Instructions contained in pages 472, &c.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Regimental Agents.**Horse Guards, 24th June, 1824.*

IT having been represented to the Commander-in-Chief that the Bearskin Caps and Calfskin Knapsacks, directed by His Majesty's Regulations to be furnished to the Pioneers of Infantry Regiments, are constantly liable to be destroyed by the moths and vermin peculiar to Hot Climates, I have it in command to acquaint you, that His Royal Highness has been pleased to direct, that the Issue of these Caps and Knapsacks shall be confined to the Pioneers of Regiments serving in Great Britain and Ireland, and America ; and that on all other Stations the Pioneers shall be furnished with Caps and Knapsacks similar to those of the Private Men

I am, &c.

H. TORRENS,

* *Adjutant-General.*

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Agents of Heavy Dragoon Regiments.

Horse Guards, 25th June, 1824.

I HAVE it in Command to signify to you, for the information of the Colonels of Heavy Dragoon Regiments in your Agency, that His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to approve of Brass Scales being worn by those Regiments, instead of the Shoulder Straps now in use.

I am further to acquaint you, that these Scales will be furnished every Four Years by the Colonels, with the Clothing, without any Charge to the Soldier.

A Pattern of the Scales, approved by the Commander-in-Chief, has been sealed at this Office, and deposited for reference at the Office of the Consolidated Board of General Officers

I am, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments Abroad.

Horse Guards, 24th August, 1824.

SIR,

IN reference to the Instructions contained in page 298 of the General Regulations of the Army, in which Officers commanding Regiments Abroad are directed to transmit, from time to time, to the Officers in charge of their respective Depôts at Home, a State of the Effectives of the Regiment, &c., I have the honour to transmit to you, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, a Form of Return, which it is desirable should be filled up and transmitted, once in two or three months, according as opportunities offer, for the information and guidance of the Officer commanding the Depôt of the Regiment.

These Returns are to be transmitted under cover to the Adjutant-General, by whom they will be forwarded to the Regimental Depôt.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

STATE of the • Regiment of
Head Quarters at *25th of*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SERVICE COMPANIES.	Officers.									
	Field Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns	Staff.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants	Corporals.	Drummers	Privates	Soldiers' Wives. Soldiers' Children
Fit for Duty at Head } Quarters .										
Sick in Hospital										
On Detachments										
On Staff Employ ..										
Effectives Abroad ..										
Wanting to complete .										
Establishment of the } Service Companies }										
At Regimental Depot, } per Return, dated } }										
Invalids, &c. sent } home, of whose dis- } posal an Account } has not yet been re- } ceived by the Regi- } ment .. }										

Signature of the Com- }
manding Officer }

Nominal

**Nominal List of Casualties which have occurred in the
Service Companies since last Communication.**

NAMES	Nature of Casualty <i>whether dead, discharged sent home, deserted, &c</i>	Date.	Remarks.

MEMORANDUM of such Instructions or Particulars as may
be necessary for the Information and Guidance of the
Officer in Charge of the Regimental Depôt.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 420.)

Horse Guards, 31st Aug. 1824.

HIS Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of a Hospital Serjeant being borne upon the Establishment of each Regiment of Dragoon Guards and Dragoons on Home Service : this Appointment is to take effect from the 25th October next.

HIS Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief directs that in the Appointment of Hospital Serjeants, Commanding Officers will take care to select men who are active, intelligent, and of good character.

The Hospital Serjeants are in future to be accounted for in the Regimental Returns, under the head of “ Staff Serjeants.”

In consequence of this addition to the Establishment of Serjeants, One Private is to be discontinued as a part of the Establishment of Regiments of Dragoon Guards and Dragoons from the period above stated.

By Command of His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Regimental Agents.**Horse Guards, 4th Oct. 1824.*

It having been represented to the Commander-in-Chief, that the Trumpets and Bugles of Captain Ridge's invention, which have hitherto been furnished by the Ordnance Department to Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry at the option of Commanding Officers of Regiments, are in no way superior (for all practical purposes) to the common Instruments of the same description, and that the latter can be provided at less than one-half the expense, His Royal Highness has been pleased to direct, that all applications for the above articles should be restricted to the common Instruments in future.

I am, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 6th Oct. 1894.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to approve of a New Pattern Knapsack (with Straps and Tin complete), for the use of the Infantry of the Army, being sealed and deposited at the Office of the Consolidated Board of General Officers, for the purposes of reference, and with a view to all future supplies being regulated accordingly.

I am further commanded to signify to you, the advantages which have been found to result from this alteration.

1. The principle, on which the New Knapsack is suspended, renders it much more easy to carry, and thereby contributes materially to the comfort of the soldier.
2. The Straps made use of for the Knapsack can be applied equally to the carriage of the Great Coat when worn separately, and will consequently obviate the necessity for a distinct set of Straps, as required at present for that purpose.
3. The Great Coats can be packed more conveniently within the Knapsack, and can be got at, at any moment, without disturbing the rest of the Soldier's necessaries: but when the Blanket is carried, the

Great Coat will continue to be folded outside, in the shape of a yoke, as already prescribed *.

You will be pleased to understand, that no alteration is intended to take place in the Knapsacks, &c., at present in wear, but that the improved pattern has reference only to such new supplies as may be hereafter required.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

* See page 420.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments.

Horse Guards, 18th Nov. 1824

SIR,

IT having been represented to the Commander-in-Chief that one of the greatest inconveniences attending the alteration of Regimental Clothing, arises from the difficulty of fitting the Collars of the Coats to the necks of the different men, as it frequently happens that tall men have short necks, and short men have long ones, His Royal Highness has been pleased to direct, that in all future supplies of Clothing *not already made up*, the Collars shall be sent out in the piece, instead of being attached as heretofore to the Garment; it having been ascertained that the measure can be carried into effect without any increase of expense to the Colonel or to the Public.

In making this communication, I have been instructed to add, that as this arrangement is calculated at the same time rather to diminish than to increase the labour attending the usual alteration of Clothing, it must be distinctly understood that no additional charge will be permitted against the Soldier on this account.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts.

Horse Guards, 20th Nov. 1824.

SIR,

It appearing by further representations which the Commander-in-Chief has received from the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, that due attention is not paid to the Order which specifies the number of Soldiers' Wives allowed to embark with Troops proceeding to Foreign Stations, His Royal Highness again calls upon Commanding Officers of Regiments and Detachments to enforce the strictest compliance with the said Order, and will hold them personally responsible for any future deviations therefrom.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To General, or other Officers Commanding on Foreign Stations.

Horse Guards, 30th Dec. 1824.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Commander-in-Chief to transmit, for your Information and Guidance, the enclosed Copy of a Circular Instruction, which Earl Bathurst has received His Majesty's Commands to address to the Governors, or Officers administering the Governments, of the Foreign Possessions and Settlements of the Crown.

His Royal Highness desires, that you will convey this Instruction to all Military Officers exercising the united Civil and Military Authority within the extent of your Command,—or Commanding the Troops where the Authority shall be administered by Governors not being Military Officers,—and that you will direct them to conform strictly to His Majesty's Commands as therein signified.

His Royal Highness further desires, that this Instruction may be officially recorded at every Station, and that in the event of any change or transfer of the Government, of any Colony, or of the Military Command exercised by an Officer who may not unite the Civil and Military Authority, care may be taken, that this Instruction be communicated to the Officer who may succeed, either to the united authority, or to the Military Command.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR.

CIRCULAR.

Instructions for Officers administering the Government of Colonies and Settlements Abroad.

Downing Street, 20th Nov. 1824.

SIR,

THE King having taken into his consideration the necessity of laying down some definite Regulations, by which the Governors or Officers administering the Government of His Colonies and Settlements Abroad, and the Officers in command of His Military Forces in those Colonies and Settlements, may the more clearly understand their relative duties and authority, I have received His Majesty's Commands to communicate to you, for the guidance of yourself, and of your successors in the Government of the Colony of
the following Instructions:—

- 1 Whenever it may seem fit to His Majesty to intrust the Civil Government of the Colony of
to an officer, holding a commission in His Majesty's Land Forces, of the rank of Colonel, or of any superior rank, and whenever, in pursuance of His Majesty's standing Instructions, the Civil Government may devolve upon any such Officer, he will consider himself as invested, by virtue of that appointment, with the military authority and command over His Majesty's Forces within the Colony, unless His Majesty should specially appoint some other Military Officer of higher rank,
or

- or of the same rank, but bearing a commission of earlier date, to take the Command of those Forces.
2. But when His Majesty shall see fit to confide the Civil Government of the Colony to a person who does not hold any Commission in His Land Forces, or who holds a Commission of inferior rank to that of a Colonel, and whenever, in pursuance of His Majesty's standing Instructions, the Civil Government may devolve upon any such person, the following rules are to be observed, for preventing any conflict of authority between any such Civil Governor, and the Military Officer who may be appointed to the Command of His Majesty's Land Forces in the Colony.
 3. It will be the duty of any such Civil Governor, or person administering the Civil Government, to issue to the Officer having the command of His Majesty's Forces within the Colony, such Orders respecting the marching of the Troops, or the distribution of them, or the making and marching Detachments and Escorts, or respecting any other military service, as the safety or welfare of the Colony may render necessary. It will be the duty of the Officer in Command of His Majesty's Forces to carry all such Orders into execution, and he alone will be responsible to His Majesty for the prompt and efficient performance of any such service in all its details.
 4. If, however, the Colony should be invaded, or assailed by a Foreign Enemy, and become the scene of active military operations, the power of the Civil Governor, or the person administering the Civil Government,

- ment, to issue any such orders, will be suspended, and, during any such emergency, the Officer in Command of His Majesty's Land Forces will, upon his own responsibility, and without reference to the orders of the Civil Governor, or person administering the Civil Government, act in such manner as he may consider necessary for the defence and security of the Colony
5. It will be the Duty of the Governor, or person administering the Civil Government of the Colony, as representing His Majesty, to give the word in all places within his Government, except only during the continuance of such active military operations as are noticed in the preceding paragraph.
 6. The Officer in Command of His Majesty's Land Forces will make to the Governor, or person administering the Civil Government of the Colony, Returns of the state and condition of the Troops under his Command, of the Military Departments, and of the Stores, Magazines and Fortifications within the Colony.
 7. The Officer in Command of His Majesty's Forces will consider himself as charged with the single and exclusive superintendence of all details connected with the Military Department, with the Regimental Duty and Discipline of the Troops, with the Inspections, and with summoning and holding Courts-Martial, Garrison, or Regimental.
 8. The Sentences of Courts-Martial will be carried into execution without the previous sanction of the Civil Governor, or person administering the Civil Government, except only in cases where Sentence
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of Death may be pronounced, in which case, execution of the sentence will be suspended, until the sentence shall have been approved on His Majesty's behalf, by such Civil Governor, or other person or persons administering the Civil Government.

9. The Officer in Command of His Majesty's Forces will render to the Civil Governor, or person administering the Civil Government of the Colony, a Duplicate of such Returns as he may, from time to time, make either to the Commander-in-Chief at home, or to any military officer, upon whose more general Command his own local Command may be dependent, so far as such Returns relate to the detail of the Military Department, the Regimental Duty, the Discipline of the Troops, the Inspections, or Courts-Martial, General, Garrison, or Regimental.
10. The preceding Instructions will form the Rules for your guidance upon this subject in the performance of your Duties as Civil Governor of His Majesty's Colony of

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief will issue, as occasion may require, corresponding Instructions for their guidance, to the Military Officers in Command of His Majesty's Forces within your Government.

I have, &c.

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GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 422.)

Horse Guards, 24th Dec. 1824.

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief having taken into consideration the serious Inconvenience which has been found to attend the Monthly Settlements with the Soldier, has been pleased to direct, that the following Weekly Distribution of the Soldiers' Pay and Allowances shall take place throughout the Infantry of the Army; and that the balance remaining, after this arrangement is carried into effect, shall be divided equally, and paid *daily* to each man:—His Royal Highness has been pleased to approve of this arrangement as the most certain mode of securing the Soldier from the temptations, irregularities, and consequent punishments which have been found to result from the system of allowing balances to accumulate.

	Under 7 Years.	Over 7 Years	Over 14 Years
Total Amount of a Soldier's Weekly Pay and Beer Money	£. s. d. 0 7 7	£. s. d. 0 8 2	£. s. d. 0 8 9
Amount of Messing and Washing—every thing included	0 4 9½	0 4 9½	0 4 9½
Remains due to each Man, not in Debt, to be equally divided, } and paid <i>daily</i>	0 2 9½	0 3 4½	0 3 11½
Extreme stoppages to a Man in Debt above 8s.	0 2 2½	0 0 0	0 0 0
Do. Do. to a Man in Debt above 9s. over 7 years . }	0 0 0	0 2 6	0 0 0
Do. Do. to a Man in Debt above 10s. over 14 years . }	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 3 0
Remaining due to the several Men at the highest Rate of } Stoppage, to be equally divided and paid daily	0 0 7	0 0 10½	0 0 11½

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The Commander-in-Chief has been further pleased to direct, in pursuance of these arrangements, that an uniform Weekly Mess Book, agreeably to the annexed Form, shall be adopted by each Company throughout the Service.

By Command of His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief,

HENRY TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 423.)

Horse Guards, 14th Jan. 1825.

It having been represented to the Commander-in-Chief that very serious Inconvenience, as well as great Irregularity, have arisen in consequence of the Wine and Spirits (stopped as a Punishment from the Soldier, by the Officers Commanding Troops when embarked in Transports) being re-issued in gross to the Men, His Royal Highness has been pleased to direct, that this practice shall be entirely discontinued.

Whenever circumstances render it necessary to abate the Ration of Wine or Spirits to the Soldier, His Royal Highness desires that the value in Money shall be laid out for his benefit at the period of disembarkation; but His Royal Highness strictly forbids that it shall on any account be re-issued in kind during the time the Troops continue on board Ship.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,

HENRY TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

See further Orders in Page 471.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments.

Horse Guards, 5th Feb. 1825.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to signify the Commander-in-Chief's desire, that you forthwith transmit to me, for His Royal Highness's information, a Return, showing, under the respective heads, the exact Numbers of each Religious Persuasion in the Regiment under your Command, and that henceforth you specify, upon the back of your Monthly Return, the changes which have taken place in each Class, during the preceding Month.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 424.)

Horse Guards, 14th Feb. 1825.

It having been represented to the Commander-in-Chief, in reference to the General Order of the 14th ultimo, that the Wine and Spirits issued to the Soldier when on board Ship is granted to him only as a *Gratuity*, and forms no part of the regular Rations for which any deduction is made from the Pay of the Soldier, His Royal Highness has been pleased to cancel that part of the General Order which authorizes a Remuneration when the liquor has been stopped; but at the same time to direct that the Prohibition to Commanding Officers against *re-issuing* it to the Men shall be strictly enforced on all occasions.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts.

Horse Guards, 11th March, 1825.

SIR,

THE annexed Code of "Regulations for providing the Army with Bibles and Testaments," having been recommended by the Prelates whose Signatures are attached thereto, and approved by the King, I have the Commander-in-Chief's Commands to transmit them for your information and guidance, and to express His Royal Highness's expectation that they will be strictly adhered to by the Regiment under your Command.

You will perceive, that by these Regulations the General Orders of the 18th of May and 24th of June last are cancelled.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

It is proposed, that the following Arrangements shall be made for providing the Army with Bibles and Testaments, through the medium of the Chaplain-General only.

1. That a Circular Letter shall be addressed by the Adjutant-General to the different Regiments throughout the Service, acquainting them that the Commander-in-Chief has deemed it expedient to cancel the Orders of the 18th of May, and 24th of June last, and all other Orders which gave a sanction to direct Communications and Correspondence between the Naval and Military Bible Society, and Commanding Officers of Corps: that such Correspondence can only be held with the Chaplain-General of the Army, who will obtain from the Naval and Military Bible Society, and other Sources, the means of complying with all Requisitions of this description, which Commanding Officers may address to him.

2. That Commanding Officers shall be directed by the Adjutant-General, to send to the Chaplain-General, an immediate Return of the Number of Bibles, Testaments, and Books of Common Prayer, in the possession of the Men, and of the Number necessary to furnish one to every Man who can read.

3. That exclusive of the Requisitions which may follow this Circular Instruction, the Chaplain-General will procure from the Naval and Military Bible Society, and other Sources, such Number of Bibles and Testaments, and Books of Common Prayer, together with such Religious Tracts as he may think sufficient, to be lodged as a Depôt in the Orderly Room of each Corps, in order that Recruits, and others wanting such Books, may be provided from time to time as they may require them: that

these Bibles, &c. shall be kept in a Chest, and that the state of this Depôt of Books shall be inspected at the Half Yearly Inspections, and the number of Bibles, &c. in store, inserted on the back of each Half-yearly Return, transmitted to the Adjutant-General: the Adjutant-General will furnish the Chaplain-General, Half-yearly, with a Return of what is required to keep these Depôts of Books complete.

4. It is proposed that the expense of furnishing these Books to the Soldiers now in want of them, as well as to all the Recruits who may, from time to time, join their respective Corps, shall be borne by the Public. But that each Man who is found, upon the usual periodical examination of his Necessaries, to have lost or disposed of his Books, shall be again provided from the Depôt of Bibles, Testaments, &c at his own expense; and Commanding Officers of Corps will address to the Chaplain-General a Return every Six Months of such deficiencies.

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W. LONDON.

London, February, 1825.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

To Regimental Agents.

Horse Guards, 14th April, 1825.

AN alteration having been made in the mode of slinging the Knapsack, established by the Circular Letter of the 6th October last, a fresh pattern has been sealed and deposited at the Office for Military Boards, by which all future supplies are to be regulated.

The Expense of the Knapsacks and Slings has been fixed, according to the present price of the best materials, at Eleven Shillings and Sixpence, and it is to be understood that no greater charge against the Soldier will be admitted.

In cases where the previous pattern Slings have been issued to Regiments, it is presumed that the expense of the alteration will be very trifling, more especially as, by the present arrangement, the Waist Belt is altogether dispensed with.

It is requested that the Contents of this Memorandum may be communicated to the Officers commanding Regiments, as also to the Accoutrement Makers, who are in the habit of furnishing these supplies.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 426.)

Horse Guards, 2nd May, 1825.

HIS MAJESTY having been graciously pleased to approve the accompanying Regulations for the Sale and Purchase of Commissions of Unattached, Retired Full, and Half-Pay Officers, they are now promulgated to the Army; and His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief enjoins the strictest compliance therewith.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

*Regulations for the Sale of Retired Full Pay and Half
Pay Commissions.*

25th April, 1825.

HALF Pay Officers, and those on Retired Full Pay, shall be permitted to dispose of their Commissions as Unattached Half Pay Commissions, in the manner, and upon the terms, hereinafter described.

To include the Officers actually serving in the Veteran Battalions, who may be considered as belonging to both Lists, but who cannot now sell; as also General Officers,
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who may be in the receipt of the Half Pay, only of that Regimental Rank on which they retired.

That the Officers on the Retired Full Pay, and those serving in Veteran Battalions, shall receive the Prices for their Commissions, established by His Majesty's Regulations in 1821.

That the Officers who were *reduced* to Half Pay, having purchased, or served twenty years, and the Officers obliged to retire upon Half Pay, in consequence of wounds, or health impaired by climate, shall also receive the same price for their Commissions.

That Officers having retired to Half Pay at their own request, not in consequence of wounds, or health impaired by climate, although they should have purchased, shall receive only the old price, as established by the Regulation in force previous to 1821.

ACTUAL PRICE.

Lieutenant-Colonelcy . . .	£4,500
Majority	3,200
Company	1,800
Lieutenantcy	700
Second Lieutenantcy	500
Ensigncy	450

OLD PRICE.

Lieutenant-Colonelcy . . .	3,500
Majority	2,600
Company	1,500
Lieutenantcy	550
Second Lieutenantcy . . .	450
Ensigncy	400

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The Officers selling out shall receive the Sum to which they may be respectively entitled under these Regulations, as may be directed by the Commander-in-Chief.

And in order to avoid the possibility of communication between the Parties, the Purchaser will be directed simply to lodge his Money for his Promotion to the higher Commission, the Seller being afterwards selected by the Commander-in-Chief, from the Lists registered in His Royal Highness's Office; nor will any other than an unconditional resignation, nor any application which adverts to any expected vacancy, be admitted.

The Surplus, if any, will, in all cases, be held at the disposal of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the public use

The Price paid and received shall, in all cases, be that of the Infantry Commissions, as in the cases of Unattached Commissions, which have been hitherto sold, whether the individual selling shall be on the Half Pay of Cavalry or Infantry; and the Purchaser shall, in all cases, be placed on the Half Pay of Infantry.

The individuals disposed to avail themselves of this arrangement, upon the terms specified, shall make application to the Commander-in-Chief, through the Military Secretary, when their claims will be investigated and determined upon, and their names will be registered accordingly.

The Purchasers will be recommended to His Majesty the Commander-in-Chief, from the lists kept in his Office.

The Sales to take place under the following restrictions :—

No person to be allowed to sell at either rate who has
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passed the age of Sixty years, or who cannot produce the Certificate of the Army Medical Board; if in a Foreign Colony, the Certificate of a Medical Board; or, if no Board can be assembled, of the Senior Medical Officer; showing that his retirement does not result from impaired constitution, threatening earlier dissolution than a person of his age may expect in the common course of nature.

No Officer to be allowed to sell, unless he shall have purchased his Commission, or unless he shall have served Twenty years in the whole, if a Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, or Captain.

Fifteen years, if a Lieutenant.

Twelve years if an Ensign, of which, at least, one-half on Full Pay, or in the discharge of active professional duties; except he should have been placed on Half Pay in consequence of incapacity, from wounds or infirmity, not now affecting his general health and constitution.

Those having purchased whose Services do not amount to the above periods, or who have not been placed upon Half Pay on account of incapacity produced as above stated, to receive the value only of the Commissions they may have purchased at either rate, according as they have been reduced, or have retired at their own request.

Those who have taken the Difference, and who may be otherwise circumstanced as above stated, to receive the Value of their Commissions at the old rate, *minus the amount of the Difference previously received by them.*

Those who have been placed on Half Pay in consequence of the Sentence of Courts-Martial, or of circumstances prejudicial to their character, to be excluded from the benefit of this arrangement; or, if it be thought fit to relieve the Half Pay List from them (as they cannot be
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called into Service), to receive a Sum not exceeding the value of their Annuity. •

It is to be understood that no Officer on the Retired or Half Pay List, who may hold a Garrison Situation, will be permitted to retain it, if he should sell under this arrangement. •

Further, that the general arrangement shall be limited to those actually on the Half Pay or Retired List ; and the time allowed for its operation shall be limited to one year for Officers at home, and to one year and a half for Officers residing in distant colonies or countries.

Those Officers who have purchased Half Pay Commissions, as unattached Commissions, would, after serving on Full Pay in the rank so purchased, be as admissible to the permission to sell what they may have purchased as any other Officers on Full Pay, under His Majesty's Regulations.

The Purchasers of the Half Pay Commissions, above the rank of Ensign, shall be invariably Officers on Full Pay.

No Officer shall be allowed to purchase *two* steps on Half Pay, without having served in the intermediate time *two* years on Full Pay, it being of course understood, that his general period of Service would otherwise entitle him to the promotion.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 427.)

Horse Guards, 20th June, 1825.

It being desirable that such Regimental Books and Records, as are necessary to be preserved for future reference and information, should not be exposed to the damage or loss incidental to the movements of Regiments on Foreign Service, the Commander-in-Chief desires that the attention of Commanding Officers may be called to the Instructions upon this subject contained in page 275 of the General Regulations of the Army; and His Royal Highness is further pleased to direct, that on Regiments embarking for Foreign Stations, the Books and Records for periods antecedent to the last five years, which may not be required for frequent reference at the Head-Quarters, but which are necessary to be preserved, shall be left in charge of the Officers commanding Regimental Depôts.

The Commander-in-Chief directs also, that the Duplicates of Pay Lists, Casualty Returns, Muster Rolls, Clothing Rolls, Prize Rolls, and Descriptions of Deserters, antecedent to the same period as above stated, shall be left at the Regimental Depôts, even although there may be some probability of their being occasionally wanted for reference at the Head-Quarters of Regiments.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts.

Horse Guards, 24th July, 1825.

SIR,

THE Depôts in this Country of the Regiments serving Abroad (with the exception of those employed in the East Indies) having, under the effect of the late augmentation, now obtained a certain consistency and efficient character, the Commander-in-Chief has deemed it desirable, as well for the comfort of the individuals concerned, as for the interests of the public service, that a regular Mess for the Officers should be established in each Depôt.

With this view, I have it in Command to acquaint you, that His Royal Highness has been pleased to approve of a certain portion of the Regimental Mess Subscriptions being allotted to each Depôt, when its Regiment is serving Abroad; and in order that the strictest impartiality may be observed in this arrangement, the following Principles have been sanctioned by His Royal Highness, in making this allotment, and are transmitted for your guidance and information.

Each Depôt to be credited with the original Contributions from the Officers of the two newly-formed Companies, who have come in upon the augmentation; as likewise with Half of the Annual Subscription for the current year (*viz.*, from 25th June to 24th December, 1825,) of one Field Officer, and of the Officers of the two previously existing Companies, which have been since added to the Depôt

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His Royal Highness has further been pleased to direct that, after the 24th December, 1825, the Annual Amount of the Regimental Mess Subscriptions shall be paid to each Depôt, in proportion to its full Establishment, as laid down in the margin * ; and further, that the Amount of the original Contributions of such Officers as may be newly appointed in each year, shall be divided between the Regiment and the Depôt, in the proportion of six to four.

You will be pleased to communicate with the Agents of the Regiment on this subject, who have been directed to make the first Payment, agreeably to the principles laid down, to the order of the Officer commanding the Depôt, for its immediate disbursement and accommodation

I have, &c.

JOHN MACDONALD,

Deputy Adjutant-General

* 1 Field Officer,

2 Captains,

4 Lieutenants,

4 Ensigns,

1 Assistant-Surgeon.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 8th Sept. 1825.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, in reference to the directions contained in page 211 of the General Regulations of the Army, that the Light Articles specified in the Margin *, and supplied to Regiments of Cavalry for the purposes of Instruction in the Lance and Sword Exercises, shall be considered the public property of each Regiment, and shall be conveyed with it at all times from Station to Station, as part of the Heavy Baggage.

The weight of these articles, including Packages, having been estimated by the Ordnance Department at seven hundred weight, His Royal Highness commands that no greater weight be allowed.

Application has been made to the Secretary at War, by the Quarter-Master-General of the Forces, for such addi-

* Blunt Lances.
Flags and Slings.
Practice Swords and Sticks.
Basket Hilt.
Wire Masks.

tional Carriage on the march, as may be necessary for the conveyance of these articles.

I am, &c.,

JOHN MACDONALD,

Deputy Adjutant-General.

N B Such Regiments of Cavalry as have not the Cases in which these articles were originally sent to them, are authorized to provide Three Cases for the removal of the articles from one Station to another, the expense of which will be defrayed by the Board of Ordnance, on the production of proper vouchers, in the following proportions, viz.—

One Case, with Padlock and Key, for Blunt Lances,	1	s. d.
9ft 6in long × 1ft 4in. wide × 9in deep	1	7 9

One Case, with Padlock and Key, for Light Dragoon Practice Swords, 3ft 6in long × 1ft. 7in. wide × 1ft 2in. deep	1	2 2
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One Case, with Padlock and Key, for Hilts, Masks, &c., 4ft. 7in. long × 1ft. 9in wide × 1ft 4in. deep	1	6 2
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For a Light Cavalry Regiment	<u>£3 16 1</u>
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As the Practice-Swords for Heavy Dragoon Regiments differ in pattern, and require a larger Case, at an increase of 6s. 6d., and measuring 3ft 11in × 1ft 10in × 1ft 9in, the total expense for a Heavy Dragoon Regiment is £1 2s 7d.

In all subsequent supplies of these articles, Cases will be supplied by the Ordnance Department, for their conveyance, which may be retained by Regiments for the purpose of packing them when removing from one Station to another.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 17th September, 1825.

THE Commander-in-Chief finds it again necessary to refer the General Officers commanding upon Foreign Stations, to the Regulations touching the discharge of Soldiers, and to repeat His Royal Highness's desire, that no Soldier may, upon any account whatever, be discharged at any Foreign Station, except by His Royal Highness's authority, to be previously applied for, and obtained for that purpose.

The Commander-in-Chief also desires that no Culprit, of any description whatsoever, be sent home for the future from any Foreign Station without His Royal Highness's special authority, except to undergo the Sentence of Transportation awarded by a Court-Martial; and that when General Officers, circumstanced as aforesaid, shall be desirous of sending home any particular Offender, not sentenced to Transportation, they previously state, in detail, the circumstances of his case, through the Adjutant-General, for His Royal Highness's consideration, preparatory to a final order being issued for his disposal.

JOHN MACDONALD,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts.

Horse Guards, 20th Sept. 1825.

SIR,

I HAVE received the Commander-in-Chief's Commands to transmit to you a Form of the Contracts which have been recently entered into for the supply of Meat to the Troops in Great Britain, and which Contracts come into operation on the 25th of the present Month.

You will be pleased to observe, that these Contracts, instead of permitting any question as to the Quality of the Meat to be referred to Arbitration, vest in the Commanding Officer, at those places where Boards of Officers can be assembled, an authority to form such Board for the purpose of deciding upon the Quality of the Meat tendered; and the Decision of such Board is declared to be final: and if the Meat is rejected, the Contractor is bound either to furnish other Meat, or to pay the Cost of any Meat which may be purchased for the supply of the Troops.

Forms of the Order to be issued for convening Boards of Survey when necessary, as well as Forms for the Reports of the Officers composing these Boards, are annexed to the Contracts, and several of these Forms are also transmitted herewith for use, as occasion may require.

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I am at the same time commanded to draw your particular attention to the Alteration in the Contracts, before adverted to, and to request that on all occasions of constituting Boards of Survey, you will direct these Boards to act in strict conformity to the Condition of the Contract, as it will be impossible to fix the Losses which may result from the condemnation of the Meat upon the Contractors, unless the prescribed Forms are strictly adhered to.

I am to add, that in cases where Meat is supplied to Detachments, and where a Board of the prescribed number of Officers cannot be formed, any question which may arise in regard to the Quality of the Meat, must be referred, if the Contractor requires it, to Arbitration, as heretofore.

I have, &c.

JOHN MACDONALD,

Deputy Adjutant-General.

P. Supplies of the accompanying Forms, when required, may be obtained by Regiments on application to the Commissariat Department, Treasury Chambers, London.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts in
Great Britain and Ireland.*

Horse Guards, 20th Nov. 1825.

SIR,

I HAVE received the Commander-in-Chief's Command to transmit to you a Form of the Contracts which have been recently entered into for the Supply of Bread and Forage to the Troops in Great Britain, and which came into operation on the 25th of the last Month.

You will be pleased to observe that these Contracts, instead of permitting any question as to the Quality of the Bread and Forage to be referred to Arbitration, vest in the Commanding Officer, at those places where Boards of Officers can be assembled, an authority to form Boards, for the purpose of deciding upon the Quality of the Bread and Forage tendered, and the decision of such Board is to be declared final; and if the Bread and Forage be rejected, the Contractor is bound either to furnish other articles, or to pay the Cost of any Bread or Forage which may be purchased for the supply of the Troops.

Forms of the Order to be issued for convening Boards of Survey when necessary, as well as Forms for the Reports of the Officers composing these Boards, are an-

nexed to the Contracts; and several of these Forms are also transmitted herewith for use, as occasion may require.

I am at the same time commanded to draw your particular attention to the Alteration in the Contracts before adverted to, and to request that on all occasions of constituting Boards of Survey, you will direct these Boards to act in strict conformity to the Condition of the Contract, as it will be impossible to fix the Losses which may result from the condemnation of the Bread or Forage upon the Contractors, unless the prescribed forms are strictly adhered to.

I am to add, that in cases where these Articles are supplied to Detachments, and where a Board of the prescribed number of Officers cannot be formed, any question which may arise in regard to the Quality of them, must be referred, if the Contractor requires it, to Arbitration as heretofore.

I have, &c.

JOHN MACDONALD,

Deputy Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR * LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts of Infantry.

Horse Guards. 1st December, 1825.

SIR,

THE Dépôt System of the Army having now arrived at some degree of maturity, the Commander-in-Chief deems it desirable to make some observations with reference to the Officers who may belong to it, for your future guidance, and with a view to its permanent and efficient operation.

The primary object to which His Royal Highness desires to draw your attention, is the regular and impartial distribution of these Officers, and the necessity of keeping the Service Companies constantly complete, by the prompt and ready departure to join the Head Quarters, of every individual whose tour it may be to take this duty when a vacancy occurs^r.

The Commander-in-Chief is aware that the principal danger to be apprehended from the Dépôt System arises from the possibility of its sometimes placing the personal convenience of the Officers attached to it, in opposition to the interests of those serving Abroad; and His Royal Highness thinks it necessary therefore, to declare beforehand, that he is prepared to prohibit any undue detention from the duty of the Service Companies, beyond that period which is strictly warranted by circumstances, and due regard to the interests of the Service; and that, under the most pressing circumstances, it must never

* See Notes in Page 493.

exceed two years, without subjecting the applicant to an immediate removal from the corps to which he belongs.

With this view, I am commanded to direct that a Return may be forwarded *Quarterly* to this Office, stating the names of the Officers serving with the Depot, including those absent from it on leave;—the time they have been employed there;—and the circumstances, if any, which may have prevented such as ought, in strictness to belong to the Service Companies, from having proceeded at the proper period to their destination. These circumstances to be detailed fully in red ink, opposite the names of any such Officers, for the Commander-in-Chief's information.*

With respect to the charge and permanent command of the Depot, His Royal Highness commands me to say that, although he is prepared to grant every due consideration and indulgence to the case of such Commanding Officers of Regiments as may return to this country in consequence of ill health, or after long-continued duty on Foreign Stations, it must be essentially understood that *the Post of the Commanding Officer is with the Head Quarters of the Regiment*; and that every deviation from this principle must be considered one of a purely temporary nature arising from the necessity of the case, and on no account to be drawn into a precedent to the disadvantage of the Public Service.

His Royal Highness possesses that perfect reliance on Commanding Officers of Regiments, that renders every further observation on this point unnecessary. He is satisfied that it will never be requisite to remind them,
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* N.B. The *Quarterly Lists* above prescribed are to be discontinued.

that an undue absence on their part from the Service Companies of the Regiment would not only disappoint His Royal Highness's confidence, but prove equally detrimental to the welfare of the Corps, and the interests of the Public.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

NOTE.—It has been found, since the issue of these Orders, that the frequent Interchange of Officers between the Service and Reserve Companies of Regiments on Foreign Stations, cannot be carried into effect, according to the foregoing directions, without occasioning much Expense to the Public, as well as Inconvenience to the Service.

It has, consequently, been ordered that the Embarkation of Officers and Men, to complete the Service Companies of Regiments Abroad, shall take place at stated periods of the Year, as fixed in the Memorandum of the 11th March, 1828 ;—see Page 587.

See further Orders on the subject of the Service and Reserve Companies of Regiments Abroad, inserted in Page 605.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 12th Dec. 1825.

THE Commander-in-Chief desires that it may be clearly understood, that no Officer under the degree of Field Officer is competent to approve a Recruit finally, without obtaining His Royal Highness's special authority for that purpose.

By Command of
His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
JOHN MACDONALD,
Deputy Adjutant General.

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MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 20th Jan. 1826.

Hrs Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct that, in future, when Soldiers are discharged from the Army, they shall be furnished with an Extract of the 5th Certificate of their Discharge in the annexed Form, testifying their Character and Conduct while in the Service, which they are to retain in their own possession, whether they become Pensioners of Chelsea Hospital or not.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant General.

*I These are to certify, that the general Conduct of
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Signature of the Commanding Officer _____

Station _____

and Date _____

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts.

Horse Guards, 25th Jan. 1896.

SIR,

IT having been decided by His Majesty's Government, that the Royal African Colonial Corps shall not receive any more Deserters or Culprits, but shall, hereafter, be recruited on the West Coast of Africa, it becomes impossible to carry into effect the provisions of the 6th Section of the Mutiny Act, there being now no Corps to which Soldiers adjudged to General Service can be attached.

It is expedient, therefore, that Courts Martial should in future abstain from awarding Sentence of "*General Service*," and confine themselves to the other modes of Punishment recognised in the Army; and with this view, I am to signify the Commander-in-Chief's desire that you will direct the attention of the Members of every General Regimental Court Martial, assembled under your orders, to the purport of this Letter.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

To Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 14th Feb. 1896.

HIS Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that the Rate of Compensation to the Public for the Discharge of a *Cavalry* Soldier, shall from this time be fixed at *Thirty Pounds*, instead of *Twenty*, as hitherto.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Commanding Officers of Regiments Abroad, and
Depôt Companies.*

Horse Guards, 14th Feb. 1826.

SIR,

I AM directed by His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief to desire, that the Annual Return required by the General Order of the 8th of March, 1824, be made up according to the accompanying Form, and transmitted immediately after the 1st of January in each year, specifying the several particulars enumerated in the Form of Return with the greatest possible accuracy.

His Royal Highness desires that the greatest attention shall be paid to the properly accounting for the Men who are sent to join the Service Companies Abroad, and also of those who are sent Home, either as Invalids to be discharged, or to join the Depôt Companies.

The object of the Annual Return is to shew, as accurately as possible, the *Gain* and *Loss* of every Regiment during each year, and this cannot be properly effected in Regiments Abroad, except by frequent and regular communications between the Commanding Officers of the Service and Depôt Companies respectively, as is most particularly enjoined in pages 178, &c., of the General Regulations of the Army.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To the Colonels and Commanding Officers of Regiments
of Infantry.*

Horse Guards, 28th Feb. 1856.

SIR,

HIS Majesty having been pleased to command an Alteration in the make of the Coat of the Infantry in the Army (with the exception of the Highland and Rifle Regiments), I have the honour to acquaint you, that a pattern of the New Coat has been sealed with the Seal of this Department by the Commander-in-Chief's Command, and deposited at the Office of the Consolidated Board of General Officers, for the purpose of regulating future Supplies, commencing (in all cases where the Clothing has not been already made up and forwarded) on the 25th of December next; and with the view to ensure the strictest accuracy and conformity on all occasions, in making up the Clothing at the Head Quarters of Regiments and of Regimental Depôts, I have received His Royal Highness's Commands to transmit to you, for your information and guidance, the accompanying Lithographic Drawing of the New Pattern Coat, exhibiting the precise proportions of the garment *in detail*, together with a Table of Dimensions suited to the different sizes of the Men *in general*.

It will be observed that certain parts of the new pattern are the same for all sizes, and that, where the proportions vary, the variations are laid down with such accuracy,
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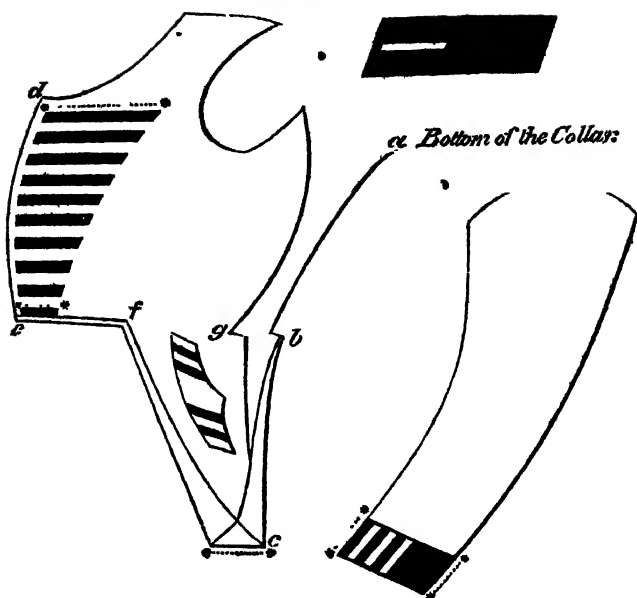
that the ~~smallest~~ attention to the Scale annexed to the Drawing, aided by the general Table of Dimensions that likewise accompanies it, will prevent the possibility of mistake.

The Commander-in-Chief confidently trusts that the measure now adopted will ensure that entire uniformity in the Clothing of the Army, which is so essential to the appearance, as well as to the comfort of the Soldier; and I am commanded to add, that His Royal Highness will hold Commanding Officers of Regiments and of Regimental Depôts strictly responsible, *under the penalties contained in the General Order of the 10th of July, 1821*, for the most implicit attention and obedience to this arrangement in conformity with His Majesty's Commands.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

See also the Order in Page 506.



Height.									
Feet.	Inches.		Inches.		Inches.		Inches.		Inches.
5	6	<i>a to b</i>	15	<i>b to c</i>	12½	<i>d to e</i>	15	<i>f to g</i>	9
5	7	—	15	—	12½	—	15	—	9
5	8	—	15½	—	13	—	15½	—	9
5	9	—	15½	—	13	—	15½	—	9
5	10	—	16	—	13½	—	16	—	9
5	11	—	16½	—	13½	—	16½	—	9½
6	—	—	17	—	14	—	17	—	9½

	Inches.	} The Lengths of the upper and lower Loops in Regiments where the Lace is put on <i>two</i> and <i>two</i> , are the same as herec. Being the same for all sizes.
Highest Loop upon the Breast	5½	
Lowest ditto	2½	
Depth of Cuff	3	
Breadth of each skirt at bottom	4	
Distance between buttons be- hind	3	
Length of Loop on the Collar	5	

The dotted Lines between the asterisks *, express distances which are the same for all heights and sizes.

Dimensions which do not differ in the different Heights.		Dimensions which differ in the different Heights.																				
Depth of Collar behind	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches	Depth of Collar in Front	3 inches	Depth of Cuff.....	3 inches	Length of Top Loop.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches	Length of Bottom Loop	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches	Height.		Length from the bottom of the Collar to the two Buttons behind	From the Hip Buttons to the bottom of the Skirt	Length of the Front from the bottom of the Collar	Round the Body, measured at the Breast.	Round the Body, measured at the bottom of the Belly.	Length of Sleeve.	Width of Sleeve 9 inches above the Elbow.	Width of Sleeve 5 inches below the Elbow.	Width of the Skirt at top from Hip Buttons to Garter.		
										Feet.	Inch.											
Length of Loop on Cuff ..2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches		5	6	5	7	5	8	5	9	5	10	5	11	6	0							
Length of Collar Loop.....5 inches																						
Width of each Skirt at } Bottom, for all Sizes																						
Distance between the Hip Buttons, } for all Sizes.....		The Straps are to be placed square on the Shoulder, and to extend upon the top of the Sleeve,—the end of the Strap must not touch the bottom Lace of the Collar, in order to make the Men appear as broad as possible. Great care should be taken that the Skirts do not open behind—this can be avoided by lapping them well over.																				

CIRCULAR LETTER

To General Officers Commanding on Foreign Stations.

Horse Guards, 1st March, 1826.

SIR,

I have received the Commander-in-Chief's Commands to forward to you the accompanying Copy of a Circular Letter and its Enclosure, addressed to Officers Commanding Regiments and Regimental Dépôts, relative to an Alteration which His Majesty has been pleased to command in the Make of the Clothing of the Infantry of the Line.

Adverting to the total want of uniformity which has long prevailed in the Clothing of the Infantry in general, His Royal Highness has commanded me to draw your particular attention to the provisions of this Order, and to the necessity of enforcing them with the strictest severity; and I am further to impress upon you the importance of making the Clothing of each Regiment, as it comes under your inspection, the subject of minute observation, causing such comparison to be made on all occasions, with the sealed pattern, as will enable you to detect any deviation, and to report the same for the Commander-in-Chief's information.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 7th March, 1826.

THE attention of Officers Commanding Regiments and Regimental Depôts is called to the General Order of the 10th September, 1819, relative to the Sword Exercise, and which the Commander-in-Chief desires may be strictly enforced.

H TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts.

Horse Guards, 5th April, 1826.

SIR,

GREAT inconvenience having arisen from the Officers in Command of Regimental Depôts being in the habit of filling up the Serjeant's vacancies without due reference to the Commanding Officers of their respective Regiments, whereby the interests and pretensions of the Senior Corporals with the Service Companies are often overlooked, I have received the Commander-in-Chief's Commands to acquaint you, that His Royal Highness thinks it desirable to limit the power of Officers Commanding Depôts to the appointment of Lance Serjeants and full Corporals *only*; and I am to desire, on any vacancy occurring of Serjeant, that a Report may be made of it to the Officer Commanding the Regiment; and, in such cases as make it indispensable for the performance of the duties at the Depôt, that a temporary successor only shall be appointed.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 10th April, 1826.

IN reference to the Circular of the 28th of February last, relative to an Alteration in the Make of the Coat of the Infantry of the Army, His Majesty has been pleased to command that Officers of Light Infantry should wear Coatees, corresponding with those of the rest of the Line; so that the only distinctions of Light Infantry Officers shall be the Wings, Bugle Ornaments, and Green Feather.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 432.)

Horse Guards, 25th April, 1826.

THE arrangement detailed in the annexed Official Memorandum having received the approval of the King, and the same having been adopted with a view to the general efficiency of the Service, and to meet the immediate advantage and convenience of the respective classes of Regimental Officers holding Brevet Rank, to which its provisions exclusively apply, His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief communicates to the Army His Majesty's gracious intentions upon this occasion, in order that Officers on Regimental Full Pay, who shall be entitled to profit thereby, may have the opportunity of doing so without delay.

By Command of His Royal Highness,
The Commander-in-Chief,

HENRY TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

Horse-Guards, 25th April, 1826.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the following arrangement, with a view to the general efficiency of the Service, in the Regimental Ranks of Major and Captain on Full Pay of the Infantry, and to the advantage and convenience of Officers who now hold

their Regimental Rank with Superior Brevet Rank in the Army.

Regimental Officers on Full Pay, who hold Brevet Rank in the Army superior to their Regimental Rank, shall have the option of retiring upon an Unattached Commission, on Half Pay of the next Effective Rank, above that which they hold Regimentally, and shall afterwards be permitted, if they should be so disposed, to avail themselves of the Regulations of the 25th April 1826 *, by selling that Unattached Half Pay Commission.

The actual Regimental Commissions from which the Individuals are thus promoted, are to be in every instance filled from the Half Pay.

The Commissions of Captains, by Captains from the Half Pay, having no Brevet Rank higher than that of their Regimental Commissions.

The future Claims of Officers, retiring to Half Pay under this arrangement, shall, in consideration of their Services, not be affected by such retirement;—and as the arrangement is made with a view to the convenience and advantage of the Service, they shall be considered as standing on the same footing with respect to Provision for their Widows and Children, as Officers placed on Half Pay by Reduction, or on account of Wounds and Infirmities.

Three Months will be allowed to each Individual from the date on which he accepts the Promotion to the Regimental Rank on Half Pay, to enable him to determine whether he is desirous of selling his Commission.

It must be understood that the Sale of Half Pay Com-

* See page 476.

missions consequent on this measure, is distinct from that allowed by the Regulations of 25th April last, and that the period fixed by those Regulations will not be extended with respect to the Individuals to whom they refer ; also, that no Officer *above the age of Sixty Years*, who shall avail himself of the Option of Promotion to the higher Regimental Rank on Half Pay, shall be allowed to dispose of that Half Pay ; Certificates of Age must therefore, in every case, accompany the application to sell.

The Individuals who shall be disposed to take advantage of the first part of this arrangement, upon the Terms specified, will make application to the Commander-in-Chief, through the Military Secretary ; such application to be transmitted by their respective Commanding Officers, within One Month after they shall have become acquainted with the arrangement.

As one of the objects of this arrangement is to secure to Regiments the Services of effective and efficient Field Officers and Captains, it is His Majesty's pleasure that the arrangement, so far as it provides for the removal of Brevet Officers to Half Pay, with Promotion to the Regimental Rank, shall be imperative with respect to those holding Staff Situations, unless they should prefer giving up their Staff Situations, and returning to Regimental Duty in their Regimental Rank ; and upon this point they are required to make an immediate communication to the Military Secretary, for His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief's information.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 5th May, 1825.

SIR,

HIS Majesty has been pleased to command (in reference to the late Acts of Parliament for establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures, and by which 32 Bushels of the new Standard are made nearly equal to 33 Bushels of the old Measure,) that the Weight of the Oats furnished to Regiments of Cavalry in Great Britain shall be fixed in future at not less than 38 pounds per Bushel, instead of 37 pounds as it stands at present; and further that this alteration shall be introduced into the new Contracts, and take effect from the 25th ultimo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient humble Servant,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM. *

Horse Guards, 12th May, 1826.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to command that the mode of *Presenting Arms with the Carbine* shall be according to the former practice, viz.: by bringing the Carbine to the *slope*, instead of the *present*, as directed in the Instructions for this Exercise, under Date the 24th December, 1819.

With a view to the necessary uniformity, the following will be the method in future observed generally throughout the Cavalry, agreeably to the Instructions formerly in force on this subject for the guidance of the Light Cavalry, under date 1st October, 1812.

The Soldier, being placed in the position of *advance arms*, receives the command to *present arms*, as follows:—

Present Arms.
(3 motions) 1st. The thumb of the right hand, having quitted its position above the guard, is placed under the cock, with the fingers under the guard; the carbine is raised about two inches, and the muzzle brought forward from the arm about four inches; at the same instant the left hand is brought briskly across the body, and seizes the carbine at the pipe.

2nd. The right hand raises the carbine to the poise, grasping the small of the stock; the left hand, quitting its position at the pipe, is placed above the lock, fingers encircling the stock,
the

the little finger touching the feather spring, and the side of the hand resting on the guard; the point of the thumb as high as, and opposite to, the left eye; both elbows close.

3d. The carbine is brought down to the extent of the right arm, the butt projecting, letting the muzzle fall into the bend of the left; the lock turned a little outwards, and the cock resting against the knuckle joint of the first finger, this and the second finger only resting on the small of the stock, the others shut in the hand; the point of the middle finger of the left hand touching the feather spring, and the first finger close to the middle one, the others shut in the hand; the point of the thumb touching the seam in centre of the flap of the trowsers; the right foot at the same instant drawn back about six inches behind the left heel; both knees straight.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 433.)

Horse Guards, 24th May, 1826.

THE King is pleased to Command, that henceforth every Officer of the Army who wishes to be presented at a Foreign Court, shall make his application for that purpose, through His Majesty's Ambassador, Minister, or Chargé d'Affaires (as may be) resident at the said Court, and through no other Channel whatsoever.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 29th May, 1826.

SIR,

By the Commander-in-Chief's Command, I have the honour to enjoin your strictest attention to the following points, which His Royal Highness considers essential towards giving due effect to the System of Equitation which has been approved by His Majesty, and inculcated at the Riding Establishment of the Army.

His Majesty has just appointed an Officer to the Command of the Riding Establishment, whose qualifications for that important trust are of a nature to hold out every assurance that he will, upon his part, do his utmost, upon all occasions, towards rendering his system of Instruction effectual; and it is fully expected, that Commanding Officers will cheerfully and cordially assist the Commandant of the Establishment, so far as depends upon them, towards the due discharge of his laborious duties.

Commanding Officers will not regard those requisitions for fresh parties for instruction, which shall from time to time be made to them, as conveying any reflection upon their own mode of carrying on the system, but as indispensable measures towards keeping in constant activity a general system, the utility of which can no longer be questioned, and which, without that constant and regular succession

succession of parties, would naturally be liable to innovation and want of uniformity. •

It has hitherto been found, that Commanding Officers have not, in some instances, selected their parties with circumspection; and that Individuals have been sent to the Riding Establishment for instruction, who possessed scarcely any qualification to render them Instructors in their turn.

The Commander-in-Chief expects that henceforth these selections shall be made with the greatest care,—that no stupid, or ill-conducted Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall, upon any account, be detached to the Riding Establishment; and that those only who are most remarkable for every quality that constitutes the good soldier, and the active, intelligent dragoon, shall be selected upon these occasions.

His Royal Highness deems it necessary that the same precautions shall be taken in the selection of the Officers who shall accompany the parties, and desires that it may be fully understood, upon all hands, that any Officer who fails at the Riding Establishment, either upon the score of attention to his general duties, or of proficiency in Equitation, will inevitably fail, also, in recommending himself to His Royal Highness for advancement in the Cavalry.

It is strictly forbidden that any unsound, inactive, ill-figured, or vicious horses shall be detached to the Riding Establishment; and in short, the Commander-in-Chief expects that the composition of every party throughout shall be made up of the *very best materials to be found in the regiment from whence it is to be detached.*

Upon the return of the parties to their Regiments, Commanding Officers are enjoined to encourage those Non-commissioned

commissioned Officers and Privates, who have been most favourably reported upon by the Commandant of the Riding Establishment, whilst under his instruction, by promoting them as opportunities offer, and making them Assistants in the Regimental Riding School.

Each Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier shall, upon his return to his Regiment, produce to his Commanding Officer, through the Captain of his Troop, a copy of the "Conduct Roll," as far as applies to his case, whilst he was at the Riding School, and the contents of that record shall determine whether he shall become the object of his Commanding Officer's favourable notice or not.

The Commandant has received the Commander-in-Chief's Commands to report, instantly, any individual who shall afford no promise of improving at the Riding Establishment, in order that he may be sent back to his Regiment, subject of course to all the disadvantages arising from his failure.

The Commander-in-Chief recommends to Commanding Officers generally to detach those Officers to the Riding Establishment who shall volunteer for it. Every Officer thus detached is to bring his first Charger for instruction.

The Commander-in-Chief takes the present opportunity to declare, that no individual who shall have been under instruction at the Riding Establishment of the Army shall, upon any account whatever, succeed to the respectable situation of Riding Master to a Cavalry Regiment, unless he shall produce the Commandant's Certificate of perfect fitness, both as to general character, and as to proficiency in the established System of Equitation.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM

*For Officers Commanding the Depot Companies of
Regiments. •*

Horse Guards, 6th June, 1826.

IN the future transmission of Monthly Returns to the Officer Commanding the Service Companies, it will not be necessary to forward a *nominal* list of the *private men* borne upon the Returns of the Depot Companies, but only of the Serjeants, Corporals, and Drummers.

It is desirable that the List of Alterations, shewing the Names of men who join the Depot Companies, and of the Casualties which take place in each month, should continue to be sent with the Numerical Return.

Particular care should also be taken to transmit the requisite information to the Officer commanding the Service Companies, regarding the disposal of such men as are sent home from time to time as *Invalids*, &c., in order to prevent their being continued longer than necessary upon the Regimental Returns.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 434.)

Horse Guards, 8th June, 1826.

EARL BATHURST, the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, having communicated to the Commander-in-Chief the Rules which His Majesty's Government have laid down for regulating the Grants of Land in the Colonies of New South Wales, and Van Diemen's Land, to persons proceeding thither as Settlers, and his Lordship having suggested that it would be desirable to encourage Officers of the Army and more especially those on half-pay, to become Settlers in that Colony, by holding out to them superior advantages, in consideration of their services; His Royal Highness hereby makes known to the Officers of the Army the Regulations approved by His Majesty for carrying these, His Majesty's gracious intentions into effect.

The Rules under which Lands may be obtained without purchase are as follows:—

That no free Grant shall be made to any Officer under the rank of Captain, nor to any Officer who shall not produce satisfactory testimonials from the Commander-in-Chief's Office, of good conduct and unexceptionable character.

That, in these cases, a remission of quit rent shall take place for a certain number of years, beyond the average period which is prescribed in the case of ordinary Settlers, according to the following Scale:

Officers

Officers who have served twenty years and upwards, to be exempted from all quit rent.

Officers who have served fifteen years and upwards, but short of twenty years, to be exempted from quit rent for the first twenty years. •

Officers who have served ten years and upwards, but short of fifteen years, to be exempted from quit rent for the first fifteen years.

In other respects, the conditions on which the Grants are made to be similar to those which are now in operation in New South Wales, with certain modifications, respecting which the Officers who may be disposed to avail themselves of this arrangement will receive information at the Colonial Department.

The Officer to whom Land is granted shall give some security that he, or his family, shall reside for at least seven years in the Settlement, and the Grant shall not be allowed to be sold by him, until he shall be reported to have expended upon it a capital equal to half its value, as that value was estimated at the time when his Grant was made.

In the application of this arrangement to the Officers of the Army, the following Regulations are to be observed :—

viz.
Lt.-col. £4500,0,0
Major £3200,0,0
Captain £1800,0,0

Officers on full-pay, who have purchased their Commissions, or who have served twenty years, are to be permitted to dispose of their Commissions in the usual manner, at the price fixed by His Majesty's Regulations.

Officers on half-pay, whether they have, or have not purchased, and whatever may have been the period of their Service, provided it be not less than ten years, to be permitted to sell their Commissions for two-thirds

viz.
 Lt.-col. £3000,0,0
 Major £2133,6,8
 Captain £1300,0,0

Surplus
 Lt.-col. £1500,0,0
 Major £1066,13,4
 Captain £600,0,0

thirds of the value fixed by the last Regulation, and without being subject to any of the restrictions imposed by the Regulations of 25th April, 1825, excepting those which apply to age, and health and character. The surplus, viz. one-third of the value to be paid in such manner as His Majesty's Government shall direct; the price given by the purchaser being, in each case, the full value of the Commission.

The Officer who may avail himself of this offer will be required to provide for his own passage, and that of his family, to the Colony; and out of the proceeds of his commission, to place in the hands of the Government a sum equal to one-third value of the Commission, to be reserved for the cultivation of the Land, and which sum will be repaid to him upon his arrival in the Colony, and upon his taking possession of the Grant.

By Command of His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Colonels, and Commanding Officers of Regiments and
Depôts.*

Horse Guards, 24th June, 1826.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to approve of an arrangement for assimilating the proceedings with regard to *Supplies of Accoutrements* to those which relate to the Inspection of Clothing.

With this view, His Royal Highness has been pleased to direct, whenever new Accoutrements are required, either for the whole or any considerable portion of a Regiment, that one set, complete, shall be approved and sealed by the Committee of the Consolidated Board of General Officers, and the bulk of the Supply inspected and compared with the Patterns so sealed, by the Inspectors of Army Clothing, who will grant Certificates of such Inspections in like manner as for the regular Supplies of Clothing.

I have, &c.,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

SUPPLY OF ACCOUTREMENTS.

CIRCULAR LETTER
To Regimental Agents.

Horse Guards, 25th June, 1826.

I HAVE received the Commander-in-Chief's Commands to forward to you, for your information and guidance, the enclosed Copy of a Circular Letter,* which has been addressed to Colonels and Commanding Officers of Regiments; and I am to signify His Royal Highness's desire, that the necessary arrangements may be made by you for giving effect to His Royal Highness's Commands in the case of all future Supplies of Accoutrements to the Regiments within your agency.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

* See the preceding Page.

ABSENT OFFICERS.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Commanding Officers of Regiments on Foreign
Stations.*

Horse Guards, 18th July, 1896.

SIR,

It appearing by the Monthly Returns transmitted to this Department, that several Officers are reported Absent without Leave who are doing Duty with the Depôt Companies in this Country, I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to desire, that in the future Monthly Returns you account only for those absent Officers who *properly belong to the Service Companies.*

The Names of all Officers doing Duty with the Service Companies, whether properly belonging to them or not, must of course be inserted in the List of Officers present.

The Returns which are transmitted to you Monthly by the Officer commanding the Depôt Companies at home, will of course contain all the information you may desire respecting the Officers belonging to, or serving with, the Depôt Companies.

By this arrangement the whole of the Officers of the Regiment will be properly accounted for.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 437.)

Horse Guards, 24th July, 1826.

It appears from the several Half-yearly Inspection Reports of Regiments, that His Majesty's Orders and Regulations have, in many instances, been neglected, which enjoin the Establishment of a "Serjeants' Mess" in each Corps. The Commander-in-Chief feels it essential to draw the attention of Colonels and Commanding Officers to a Regulation, which was framed with the view of upholding the consequence and respectability, and of giving force to the authority, of Non-commissioned Officers throughout the Army. There are few situations where this beneficial arrangement cannot be carried into effect; and His Royal Highness desires a strict compliance with His Majesty's Orders on the subject.

Where local circumstances may render the measure impracticable, General Officers inspecting Corps will state, in their Reports, the reasons which may have interfered with its adoption, for His Royal Highness's consideration.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Officers Commanding Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 1st August, 1826.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to express the Commander-in-Chief's desire, that you transmit to me, for His Royal Highness's information, a Statement of the Prices at which each Article of the Regimental Necessaries, specified in the Margin*, is supplied to the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Regiments under your command; and that you likewise transmit to this Office an exact Pattern of each Article as furnished at the specified price.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

- * Grey Overalls.
- White Duck Trowsers.
- Forage Cap.
- Shirts.
- Long Stockings.
- Short ditto.
- Valisse.

See page 550.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 438.)

Horse Guards, 9th August, 1826.

FROM the irregular manner in which Regiments have recently been found to leave their Ammunition behind them, upon a change of Quarters, the Commander-in-Chief apprehends that Commanding Officers misunderstand the Regulations of the Army on this head. In page 102 of the *Orders and Regulations of the Army*, it is stated, that where there is more Ammunition than can be “conveniently removed with a Regiment, the “Commanding Officer is to cause such Ammunition to “be re-delivered into the Ordnance Stores ;” by which it must be understood, that it is in no case to be left in Quarters; and further, that this delivery into the Ordnance Stores can apply only to circumstances wherein Regiments happen to be possessed of such a quantity of Ammunition as cannot be moved with the Corps, and not to the supply issued half-yearly for the immediate use and service of the Battalion. His Royal Highness therefore desires, that when the Spring and Autumn Allowance of Ammunition has been issued, upon the usual requisitions, Commanding Officers be held responsible for the preservation and carriage of all that has not been expended in the practice or service of the Corps.

It is an essential part of the duty of Commanding Officers, and, under their superintendence, of Captains of Companies, to see that the Ammunition in possession of the

the Men is properly preserved ; and it is important that Soldiers should be habituated to the care of their Ammunition, in proportion as they are taught to set a high value upon it.

When a Regiment changes Quarters, therefore, it is proper that a proportion of the Ammunition should be issued to the Men, to be carried by them in their Pouches, and that any remaining in Store should be conveyed in the usual manner of other Regimental Stores, under charge of the Quarter-Master.

By command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments.

Horse Guards, August 24th, 1826.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward to you, by the Commander-in-Chief's Command, the accompanying Memorandum, shewing the manner in which it has been thought desirable to exercise the Recruit in the use of the Club ; and I am at the same time to acquaint you, that these Clubs will be supplied at the Public Expense, by the Board of Ordnance, and issued on the usual Requisition, in the proportion of Twelve pairs (in all) of the different sizes, to the Regiment under your Command.

You will be pleased to take the earliest opportunity of carrying the New Exercise into effect, and enforce it strictly on all occasions.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

Memorandum.

It is desirable that the Recruit should be practised in the use of the Clubs, together with the Extension Motions, for at least half an hour every morning before drill, until he is perfectly supplied, and fixed in the true position of a soldier,

soldier, as directed Section 1st Part I., of the Field Exercise and Evolutions.

The Recruit being placed in the position of *Attention*, with a Club in each hand, pointing downwards, must be exercised as follows :—

1st PART. { At the word *One*, the Club in the right
One. { is slowly carried round the head, until the
 hand arrives in a perpendicular line above
 the shoulder, with the large end of the Club
 pointing in a diagonal direction to the rear.

Two. { The Club in the left hand is raised in a
 similar manner, and carried over that in the
 right hand till it reaches a corresponding
 position.

Three. { The hands are carried slowly to the right
 and left, until they become in a true hori-
 zontal line with the shoulders, the large end
 of the Clubs still remaining to the rear.

Four. { The hands are brought slowly to the first
 position. Care must be taken that the Re-
 cruit does not stand with a hollow back,
 during this, and the succeeding practice.

2d PART. { Raise both hands to the front, approach-
One. { ing them close together, in a horizontal line
 with the shoulders, the Clubs being held per-
 pendicular with the large ends upwards.

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- Two.* { With the body well poised forward, separate the hands, and carry them to the right and left in line with the shoulders, the large end of the Clubs still remaining upwards.
- Three.* { With the head well kept up, let the Clubs turn over till they point in a diagonal direction to the rear, the hands still remaining out in line with the shoulders.
- Four.* { With the arms extended, drop them slowly to the first position.
- 3d PART.
- One.* { The Club in the right hand is circled round upon the *right* of the body for a few revolutions of the circle, or until the word halt is given.
- Two.* { The one in the left hand is used in the same manner on the *left* of the body, until the word halt is given, when the Recruit will remain perfectly steady in the first position.
- Three.* { With the body rather leaning forward, circle both Clubs at the same time, on the right and left of the body, until ordered to halt.

The Club Exercise should be intermixed with the firelock drill, particularly in cold weather.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 439.)

Horse Guards, 2nd Sept. 1826.

It has been reported to the Commander-in-Chief, that strict attention has not, in all cases, been observed to the Orders issued on 25th April, 1822, relative to the Dress and Uniformity of Regimental Officers, according to Patterns approved by His Majesty, lodged at the Clothing Board, and explained in a descriptive Book circulated with the said Order.

His Royal Highness desires that the attention of Colonels and Commanding Officers may be drawn to this subject, and that they may be apprized of His intention to take the most serious notice of any unauthorized deviations or expensive additions of embroidery or lace to the Dress of Officers as detailed in those Regulations, which were framed to support general uniformity and to protect Officers, and particularly Infantry Officers, from the weight of unnecessary expense.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 440.)

Horse Guards, 8th Sept. 1826.

THE Commander-in-Chief has great satisfaction in announcing, for the information and guidance of the Officers of the Army, the annexed liberal Regulations which have been established by His Majesty's Government to accommodate the circumstances of all Officers who shall henceforth be entitled to Passages in Freight Ships.

Officers will perceive that the said Regulations contain a Clause, whereby each individual who shall fail to avail himself of the Passage thus provided for him shall forfeit a fourth of the charge for Messing specified in the annexed Scale; and that the Regimental Agents are made responsible to the Public, for withholding the amount of all such Forfeitures from the Parties in their respective Agencies.

By Command of His Royal Highness
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

See His Majesty's Warrant, dated 22d June, 1827, and also further Orders in Page 576.

Regulations to be observed, in future, respecting Officers for whom Passages to Foreign Stations are provided in Freight Ships.

The Captain is bound, by the engagement of his Owners with the Commissioners of the Navy, to provide every Officer proceeding in his Ship, as a Government Passenger, with a sufficient and respectable Table, (including Breakfast, Dinner, Tea, and Supper, and a Pint of good Port, or Foreign White Wine, per diem) at the charge stated in the annexed Scale, which also shews the respective proportions to be borne by the Officer and the Public, when the Officer is proceeding to his destination under circumstances which entitle him to a Free Passage. When that is not the case, the whole charge for Messing is of course to be defrayed by the Officer; and upon all occasions the Captain is to be paid one-fourth of the Table Money for every Officer who does not embark, unless sufficient notice is given to prevent his providing for his Mess.

In all cases of such forfeiture being incurred, the Officer will be required to pay it; for which purpose the necessary Orders will be given to the Regimental Agent, unless his being withdrawn should have taken place for the convenience of the Service, or that another Officer embarks in his place.

When Officers are provided with Passages in Freight Ships upon the application of the Commander-in-Chief, the necessary communication will be made to the Commissioners of the Navy respecting those entitled to the Allowance in aid of their Mess, and to those only it will be granted.

Rates

Rates at which Government Cabin Passengers shall be provided with a proper Mess, to the place of the Ship's destination.

DESTINATION.	Rates to be charged for the Officer's Mess by the Masters of Freight Ships.	Amount to be paid by the Officer on Embarkation.	Amount to be paid by the Commissioners of the Navy.
	£.	£.	£.
New South Wales	78	20	58
Ceylon	70	20	50
Mauritius	55	15	40
Cape of Good Hope .	40	10	30
St. Helena			
Rio de Janeiro	30	8	22
Jamaica	32	9	23
Leeward Islands	28	8	20
Bermuda	25	6	19
North America			
Gibraltar	15	4	11
Malta	25	6	19
Ionian Islands			
Coast of Africa	30	8	22

See further Orders in pages 576 and 577.

Rates

Rates of Passage Allowance sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

STATIONS.	Lieutenant-Colonel or Major.			Captain, Paymaster, and Surgeon.			Subaltern, Adjutant, Quarter-Master, and Assistant-Surgeon.		
	No of Servants	Charge to be deducted for each Servant not embarked	Allow- ance	No of Servants	Charge to be deducted for each Servant not embarked	Allow- ance.	No of Servants	Charge to be deducted for each Servant not embarked	Allow- ance
		£ s	£.		£. s.	£.			£.
New South Wales	2	20 0	140	1	20 0	120	..	..	100
Ceylon	2	15 19	115	1	15 19	100	..	..	85
Mauritius	2	11 11	95	1	11 11	85	..	..	75
Cape of Good Hope	2	9 19	80	1	9 19	70	..	..	60
Coast of Africa. }	2	5 2	45	1	5 2	40	..	..	85
Barbadoes.									
Jamaica	2	4 15	55	1	4 15	50	..	..	45
Bahamas									
Honduras									
Demerara	2	4 8	45	1	4 8	40	..	..	35
Halifax	2	5 5	40	1	5 5	35	..	..	30
Newfoundland. }									
Quebec	2	6 0	50	1	6 0	40	..	..	35
Bermuda	2	4 11	30	1	4 11	25	..	.	20
Gibraltar									
Malta	2	6 9	45	1	6 9	40	..	..	30
Ionian Islands ...	2	5 11	50	1	5 11	40	..	..	35

CIRCULAR LETTER

To General Officers Commanding on Foreign Stations.

Horse Guards, 26th Sept. 1826.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief having, in concurrence with the Master-General of the Ordnance, considered it expedient, with a view to ensure a proper co-operation of the Military and Civil Departments abroad, that the comparative Rank of Officers belonging to the Civil Department of the Ordnance, including the Barrack Department, shall be fixed relatively with that of Officers in the army, according to the principle laid down in pages 9 and 10 of the General Regulations and Orders of the Army—the following classification has been made of Officers of the Civil Department of the Ordnance with Officers of the Army, *viz.*

As Majors.	{ All Storekeepers of the Ordnance Department. Inspectors of Accounts. Barrack Masters of the First Class, <i>viz.</i> with the pay of 15 <i>s.</i> per diem.
As Captains.	{ All Deputy Storekeepers. Barrack Masters with the pay of 10 <i>s.</i> and under 15 <i>s.</i> per diem.

Subalterns

As Subalterns. { Barrack Masters whose pay is under
10s. per diem.
Clerks of Stores when acting as Deputy
Storekeepers.
All Clerks on the regular Establishment
of the Department.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

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GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 442.)

Horse Guards, 27th Dec. 1826.

It having appeared to the Commander-in-Chief, that some Commanding Officers of Regiments entertain erroneous notions as to the powers under which Non-Commissioned Officers may be reduced to the rank of Private Soldiers, His Royal Highness directs their attention to the 22nd Article of the 16th Section of the Articles of War, by which they will perceive, that such power of Reduction without trial by a Court Martial is vested in the *Colonels* of Regiments alone.

His Royal Highness has reason to apprehend that these erroneous impressions have their origin in the opinions promulgated in unauthorized Treatises and Commentaries upon Military Law ; and His Royal Highness must therefore desire, that Officers will look only to the Mutiny Act and Articles of War, for the guidance of their conduct, in carrying into effect the Regulations of the Service.

By His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief's Command,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 443.)

Horse Guards, 27th Dec. 1826.

HIS Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief having submitted to the King, that His Majesty may be pleased to take into his consideration the situation and claims of a very meritorious class of Officers of the Army, the old Lieutenants, who are unable to purchase Promotion, and whose prospect of advancement may, in many instances, be still very remote; and being desirous of giving effect to some arrangement by which these deserving individuals shall be rewarded or relieved, without entailing such charges upon the public as should render the measure objectionable, His Majesty has been graciously pleased to command,—

That the Lieutenants actually serving upon Full Pay in Regiments of the Line, whose Commissions are dated in, or previous to the Year 1811, shall be promoted, at their option, to the Unattached Rank of Captain, and placed upon the old rate of Half-pay of that Rank, *viz.*, Five Shillings per Diem; and

That they shall be replaced by Lieutenants from the Half-pay List who are in receipt of Four Shillings per Diem.

That the Widows of the Lieutenants so promoted shall be admitted to the Pensions of Captains' Widows.

That the Officers so promoted shall be eligible for employment on Full Pay as Captains, according to the means

which actual vacancies arising from Death, Augmentation, &c., may offer.

That in order to extend the advantage to those who are Seniors of their rank in the several Regiments, without depriving them of their better prospect of promotion, these, and these only, shall, in the event of Companies becoming vacant without purchase within Two years from their acceptance of the Promotion to the Unattached Rank, be appointed to them, from the Half-pay, in preference to the next Senior Lieutenant, who, in consequence of the former's acceptance of Promotion under this arrangement, would have become the Senior serving with the Regiment.

That in order to offer greater facility to a Captain on the old rate of Half-pay to return to Full Pay, he shall be at liberty to do so, by paying a difference to the Captain on Full Pay, who may be disposed to retire on the lesser rate. The difference in such case to be fixed at £800, instead of £511, to make up for the difference between the old and the new rate of Half-pay.

That a further facility shall be afforded to old Officers who have been promoted to the Unattached Rank of Captain on the old rate of Half-pay, by declaring them eligible to be removed to the Full Pay of vacancies by purchase, where the Candidates in Regimental succession may have no claims to such Promotion. The Young Lieutenant shall then have the option of purchasing the Unattached Company (on account of the Officer selling the Regimental Company), provided such young Candidate shall be senior for purchase in his own Regiment, and shall have completed Two Years effective Regimental Service as Subaltern.

That the young Officer, so promoted, shall then pay the increased

increased difference (£800) to get on Full Pay, the Captain with whom he exchanges taking his place on the old rate of Half-pay.

The Lieutenants of, and previous to, the year 1811, actually serving on Full Pay in Regiments, who may be desirous of availing themselves of the provisions of this arrangement, will communicate the same through the Commanding Officers of their respective Regiments, or Depôts, to the Commander-in-Chief's Military Secretary.

By His Royal Highness

The Commander-in-Chief's Command,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 446.)

Horse Guards, 22nd Jan. 1827.

THE last duties having been paid to the remains of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, the late Commander-in-Chief, the King deems it right to convey to the Army an expression of the melancholy satisfaction which His Majesty derives from the deep feeling of grief manifested by every Class of the Military Profession, in common with His People at large, under the great calamity with which it has pleased the Almighty to afflict the Nation and His Majesty; a calamity which has deprived the Crown of one of its most valuable and distinguished Servants, and His Majesty of a beloved and affectionate Brother.

The King does not think it necessary to dwell upon the pre-eminent merits of the late Duke of York; His Majesty knows that they are impressed upon the minds, and engraven on the hearts, of His Majesty's Soldiers. His Majesty desires it may merely be observed, that the able Administration of the Command held by His late Royal Highness for a long course of years;—his assiduous attention to the welfare of the Soldier,—his unremitting exertions to inculcate the true principles of order and discipline;—his discernment in bringing merit to the notice of the Crown;—and the just impartiality with which he upheld the honour of
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the Service, have combined to produce results that identify the Army, as a profession, with the glory and prosperity of this great Country; and which will cause his virtues and services to live in the grateful remembrance of the latest posterity.

The King feels, that under the present afflicting circumstances, His Majesty cannot more effectually supply the loss which the Nation and the Army have sustained, than by appointing to the Chief Command of His Majesty's Forces, Field Marshal his Grace the Duke of Wellington, the great and distinguished General who has so often led the Armies of the Nation to victory and glory, and whose high Military renown is blended with the History of Europe.

By His Majesty's Command,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 447.)

Horse Guards, 24th January, 1827.

IN obedience to His Majesty's most gracious Commands, Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington assumes the Command of the Army, and earnestly requests the assistance and support of the General and other Officers of the Army, to maintain its Discipline, good Order, and high Character.

The Officers on the Personal Staff of the late illustrious and most lamented Commander-in-Chief are to continue in their several Offices on the Staff attached to Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington, and are to be obeyed accordingly.

Lieutenant Colonel John Fremantle is appointed Aide de Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, vice Lieut.-Colonel Armstrong resigned.

By command of His Grace
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

*To General or other Officers Commanding at Stations
Abroad.*

Horse Guards, 17th February, 1827.

THE very general claims for Passage Allowance, on the part of Officers arriving in England from the Service Companies of Regiments, *upon the plea of coming home to join their Depôts*, having been found to subject the Public to an undue and unnecessary expense, I have the Commander-in-Chief's command to draw your attention to the subject, and to desire you will be pleased to restrict your Certificate to those only who are actually ordered home on being relieved, or about to be relieved, by an Officer from the Depôt.

Officers returning to Great Britain or Ireland, whose Passage will be allowed, must, therefore, be apprized that they must proceed forthwith, on landing, to the Depôt of their Regiment,—and that the Certificate of the Commanding Officer of the Depôt. of an Officer's having joined immediately on landing, is indispensable towards his obtaining the regulated Passage Allowance.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

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GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 449.)

Horse Guards, 14th March, 1827.

It appears that the General Order of the 9th August, 1826*, has not been properly understood throughout the Army, and that much irregularity still exists, regarding the care of Ammunition in the possession of Regiments, and the return of it into Store, as occasion may require. The Commander-in-Chief finds it necessary, therefore, to give more explicit Instructions, in order to avert the evils likely to result from a want of attention to this subject.

First. All Regiments are to have, *in the constant possession of the Men*, Ten rounds of Service Ammunition, which is to be under the daily inspection of Officers of Companies.†

Secondly. When any emergent circumstance shall arise to call for a further supply, it will be afforded, to the extent of *Fifty* rounds per Man, so as to fill the Pouches, which are calculated to hold *Sixty* Cartridges.

Thirdly. This Ammunition must be carried by the Soldier; and should the emergency require the possession of a still further supply, such excess must be kept in the Barrack Store or Magazine, and on the march be carried in the usual manner with other Regimental Stores, under the special charge of the Quarter-Master.

* See page 526.

† *This Order does not apply to Regiments when embarked on board of Ships destined for the East Indies.*

Fourthly

Fourthly. When the emergency shall cease, under which extra Ammunition shall be issued, the excess in possession of the Men, as well as that in charge of the Quarter-Master, shall be delivered into an Ordnance Store, when a Regiment shall come within the immediate vicinity of any of the Ordnance Stations named in the following page.

Fifthly. When Ammunition in possession of the Men shall become loose, or broken, it shall be taken from them, and carried under charge of the Quarter-Master, until an opportunity shall offer of delivering it into, or exchanging it at, an Ordnance Store.

Sixthly. Officers commanding Regiments are to require the utmost attention from Officers of Companies, to the constant inspection and care of the Ammunition in possession of the Men, and to direct that no loose or broken Ammunition shall ever be permitted to remain in the pouches.

Sevently. All Practice Ammunition is to be kept and carried under charge of the Quarter-Master, who will preserve a correct distinction in his Returns between *Practice* and *Service* Ammunition.

Commanding Officers of Regiments are held strictly responsible for the exact observance of all these Orders, so that no Ammunition shall ever be left, under any circumstances, in Barracks or Quarters.

By command of His Grace
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

LIST OF ORDNANCE STATIONS,

As referred to in the preceding Page.

IN ENGLAND.

Carlisle,
Chester,
Dover,
Gravesend,
Hull,
Hyde Park,
Landguard Fort,
Pendennis Castle,
Keyham Point, near Plymouth,
Piddy's Hard, near Portsmouth,
Scarborough,
Sheerness,
Upnor Castle, near Chatham,
Weedon.

IN SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh,
Fort George,
Stirling Castle.

IN IRELAND.

Dublin,
Athlone,
Charlemont,
Cork,
Cork Harbour,
Charles Fort,
Duncannon Fort,
Enniskillen,
Limerick.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 450.)

Horse Guards, 20th March, 1827.

WITH reference to the Regulations of the Service upon the subject of Leave of Absence to Officers belonging to Regiments Abroad, the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct, that when General Officers commanding on Foreign Stations shall grant the full period of Leave authorized by those Regulations, it is to be understood by Officers so indulged, that they shall return to the Service Companies within the period of their Leave, and that they shall not join the Depôt, unless ordered and required to do so by the Adjutant-General.

Officers who may be ordered home, for the purpose of joining the Depôt Companies of their respective Regiments, are to proceed immediately upon landing to the Depôt Quarters.

In order to prevent the charge of unnecessary expense to the Public on account of Passage Allowances, Commanding Officers of Regiments Abroad are enjoined to grant Certificates to those Officers only who are ordered home on being relieved, or about to be relieved, by an Officer from the Depôt;—and Commanding Officers of Depôt Companies are also to certify, that such Officers have joined the Depôt immediately upon arrival in this Country.

By command of His Grace
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 10th April, 1827.

SIR,

IN reference to my Circular of the 1st of August last*, I have now the honour to acquaint you, that a Board of Cavalry Officers having been assembled in pursuance of the Commander-in-Chief's Commands, for the purpose of examining certain articles of Necessaries and Equipment, as named in the margin*, and selecting those best calculated from their quality and price to serve as patterns for the general supply of the Cavalry in this country, the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to approve of the selection made by the Board, and the articles having been accordingly sealed, and deposited at the Clothing Board, I have now His Grace's Commands to desire, that you will

		s.	d.		s.	d.	
* Overalls,	- -	from	16 6	to	18 0	per pair.	
White Duck Trowsers,		from	6 0	to	6 6	do.	
Forage Cap,	- -	from	1 7	to	2 5	each.	
Shirt	- - - -	from	5 6	to	6 0	do.	
Stockings	- - -		1 9			per pair.	
Half Stockings, where worn	-		1 7			do.	
Valisse, Heavy Cavalry	-	from	9 6	to	10 6	each.	
Ditto, Light Cavalry	-	from	10 0	to	11 0	do.	
Saddle Blanket in the Light Cavalry							
to weigh about 8 pounds, and to							
be about 6 feet 8 inches wide, and							
from 7 feet 6 to 8 feet long, about			18 0	each.			

* See Page 525.

instruct

instruct the Agents of the Regiment under your Command, to cause corresponding Patterns (after being duly compared and sealed) to be transmitted to you, for the purpose of being kept at Head Quarters, and regulating your future Supplies.

The present price of the different articles is affixed to each, for your information, and although necessarily liable to some variation, will serve as a general standard of guidance, where attention to the quality is strictly adhered to.

With respect to the patterns forwarded by you for examination, in obedience to the directions contained in my Circular of the 1st of August last, I am to acquaint you, that directions will be given for their being repacked and sent back to the Regiment.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM

For Officers Commanding Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 24th April, 1827.

THE Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to approve of an alteration in the make of the Cavalry Overalls, as well with respect to those furnished by the Colonels of Regiments, as those supplied as necessaries to the Soldiers, and likewise of the substitution of Yellow, or White Worsted Lace down the outer seams (according as the Lace worn by the Officers may be gold or silver) instead of the stripes of cloth which are at present worn of the colour of the Facing.

A pattern of the New Overall having been sealed, by the Commander-in-Chief's Command, with the Seal of this Department, has been lodged for reference at the Office of the Consolidated Board of General Officers.

H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 451.)

Horse Guards, 30th April, 1827.

NOTWITHSTANDING that Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington has found it necessary to lay at His Majesty's Feet his Resignation of the Command of the Army, with which His Majesty had been most graciously pleased to intrust him, he begs to assure the General Officers, Officers, and Troops, of his constant solicitude for their Honour and Welfare.

By His Grace's Command,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—No. (452.)

Horse Guards, 1st May, 1827.

It is His Majesty's Command, that the Correspondence, which has hitherto been addressed to the Military Secretary of the Commander-in-Chief, shall be addressed to Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Taylor, Deputy Secretary at War.

By His Majesty's Command,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts.

Horse Guards, 4th May, 1827.

SIR,

WITH reference to the Orders in force respecting the Cleaning of Barrack Rooms*, I have it now in command to acquaint you, that in future the Washing of the Floors will be allowed in all Barracks where the single Iron Bedsteads have been substituted for double Berths and Wooden Bedsteads.

I am at the same time to add, that it is not considered desirable that the Floors of Barrack Rooms should be washed oftener than once a week, and that particular care must be taken that no more water is used for that purpose than is absolutely necessary.

Scrubbing Brushes, Brooms, and other Articles, will be supplied, on application to the Barrack Masters, for cleaning the rooms, on the intermediate days, without the use of Water.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

* See Page 207.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Officers Commanding Regiments and Depôts at Home.

Horse Guards, 7th May, 1827.

SIR,

It being considered desirable that an Account should be rendered of the Expenditure of Service Ammunition issued to the Army, as well as that of Ammunition supplied for Exercise and Practice, I have it in command to desire (with reference to the General Order, dated Horse Guards, 14th March last,) that on all occasions of requisition to the Ordnance for Service Ammunition, you will make use of the accompanying Form, shewing the quantity required for Service, and the manner in which the former supply has been expended.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

(a) Statement of the Service for which, and the Date when, the Ammunition was expended, &c		Return of Service Ammunition in possession and wanting to complete the effective rank and file, at the date hereof, to ten rounds of ball cartridges for each Man, as directed by the General Order, dated Horse Guards, 14th March, 1827, No. 449.				
Date.	Nature of Service.	Ball Cartridges.	Flints.	The Effectives at the Date of this Return are		
				Number of Arms in possession, and the calibre.	Rank and File.	Carbines, Pistols, Muskets,
				Service Ammunition in possession at the date of the last Return, viz. the 18 day of		
				Received since the said date, viz. At on the day of 18		
				At on the day of 18		
				Total in possession at the date of the last Return, and received since, as above stated. Deduct expended, or otherwise disposed of, as stated on the other side at (a)		
	Delivered into store at as per receipt sent herewith			Total remaining in possession at the date hereof		
				Wanting to complete to ten rounds for each effective Rank and File.		
	Total expended &c (a)			Total in possession and wanting		
at the Head Quarters, day of		I do hereby certify that the above Return is correct in every respect. Commanding Reg.				

A Return of the service ammunition is to be sent with every application for ammunition for practice and exercise, as directed by the General Order, dated Horse Guards, 14th December 1827. No. 449.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 453.)

Horse Guards, 16th May, 1827.

HIS MAJESTY is graciously pleased to hold out to Half Pay Officers the following encouragements to become Settlers in New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land, in addition to those detailed in the General Order of the 8th of June last.

Officers of all ranks on Half Pay are eligible to enjoy the advantages offered by the said General Order, as well as those held out by the present Order; and they shall not be required to sell their Half Pay, or make any Deposits as Security, the intention being that they shall retain their Half Pay, and obtain Grants of Land without purchase, subject, however, to the Conditions hereinafter specified; *viz.* :

The remission of Quit Rent shall take place for a certain number of years beyond the average period which is prescribed in the case of ordinary Settlers, according to the following scale:—

Officers who have served Twenty years and upwards, to be exempted from all Quit Rent.

Officers who have served Fifteen years and upwards, but short of Twenty years, to be exempted from Quit Rent for the first Twenty years.

Officers who have, served Ten years and upwards, but short of Fifteen years, to be exempted from Quit Rent for the first Fifteen years.

Officers

Officers who have served Seven years and upwards, but short of Ten years, to be exempted from Quit Rent for the first Ten years.

No Officer to be eligible under Seven years' Service, nor any who cannot produce satisfactory testimonials of good conduct and unquestionable character.

In other respects the Conditions on which the Grants are made, to be similar to those which are now in operation in New South Wales.

The Officer to whom Land is granted shall enter into a bond, that he, or his family, shall reside for at least Seven years in the Settlement, and the Grant shall not be allowed to be sold by him, until he shall be reported to have expended upon it a Capital equal to half its value, as that value was estimated when the Grant was made.

For instance, supposing the Grant to be 200 acres, at the estimated value of 5s. per acre, the individual will not be allowed to sell it until he shall be reported to have expended £25 upon it. In the event, however, of his death taking place before the expenditure of Capital already alluded to, the Grant will be continued to his heirs, but subject to the fulfilment of the Conditions under which he himself held the Grant.

The quantity of Land to be received by Officers will be in the same proportion to their Capital, as in the case of ordinary Settlers; but until an accurate valuation has been made of the Lands throughout the Colony, and an average price shall be fixed for each Parish, it is not possible for the Colonial Department to fix the quantity of Land which any individual may be able to obtain in proportion to his Capital.

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The quantity of Land to be granted must depend entirely upon the value which that Land, either from local circumstances, or from its peculiar character, may possess; and this, as must be evident, can only be determined in the Colony.

The Officer who may avail himself of this offer, will be required to provide for his own passage, and that of his family, to the Colony.

The ordinary Rates of Passage are the following, as far as can be collected from the best sources of information which have been applied to:—

TO NEW SOUTH WALES.

Cabin £94 10 0

Steerage 40 0 0

TO VAN DIEMAN'S LAND.

Cabin £84 0 0

Steerage 35 0 0

Every thing supplied to the Passengers except Bedding. £10 is deducted from Cabin, and £5 from Steerage Passage, in case of a Man and his wife occupying one Berth.

Children of 14 years pay the same as Adults.

From 9 to 13 . . 2-3rds

5 to 8 . . $\frac{1}{2}$

2 to 4 . . $\frac{1}{4}$

Heavy Goods, £4 per Ton } In the Hold.
Measurement Goods, £5 do. }

By His Majesty's Command,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 7th August, 1827.

SIR,

THE King having been pleased to approve of a new Knapsack for regulating future supplies to the Army, I have the honour to acquaint you that a Pattern has been sealed and deposited for this purpose at the Office of Consolidated Boards, Spring Gardens.

It is considered that the new Knapsack will be found to embrace the following advantages:—

- 1st. The Great Coat or Blanket will be carried rolled on the top of the Knapsack, enclosed in a Valisse, whereby the Blanket will be always preserved dry during a rainy march.
- 2nd. The Knapsack is smaller and lighter, and possesses a greater facility of access and of repacking, than the present one.
- 3rd. The Soldier will be enabled to roll his own Coat or Blanket, wet or dry, without assistance, under any circumstances of hurry, preserving still a neat and compact appearance.

It may be necessary to add, that the price of the new Knapsack, with Straps, &c., complete, exceeds that in use about two shillings and sevenpence; but the advantage

tage to the Soldier, in comfort and accommodation, is considered more than a counterbalance to this Expense.

I am at the same time to acquaint you, that the Knapsacks now worn by the Regiment under your command, as well as the present mode of carrying the Great Coat, will be continued in use until it may be found necessary to have recourse to further supplies.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—No. 454.

Horse Guards, 27th August, 1827.

HIS Majesty having been graciously pleased to appoint Field Marshal the DUKE OF WELLINGTON to be Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces, the Field Marshal adopts this mode of announcing the same to the Army, and hereby assumes the Command with which His Majesty has intrusted him.

By His Grace's Command,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—No. 455.

Horse Guards, 29th August, 1827.

THE Commander-in-Chief having been pleased to appoint *Major-General* Lord Fitzroy Somerset, K.C.B., to be his Military Secretary, His Grace desires that the Correspondence of the Army may be addressed to that Officer, conformably to His Majesty's Regulations.

The Commander-in-Chief has also appointed the following Officers to be His Grace's Aides-de-Camp, *viz.*

Colonel Sir Henry F. Cooke, K.C.H., *Half-pay.*

Lieut.-Colonel Hon. George Anson, *Half-pay.*

Lieut.-Colonel Francis Russell, *Coldstream Guards.*

Lieut.-Colonel John Fremantle, *Coldstream Guards.*

By his Grace's Command,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

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GENERAL ORDER.—No. 456.

Horse Guards, 24th August, 1827.

HIS MAJESTY being desirous of holding out further encouragement to Officers on Half Pay to become Settlers in New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land, has been pleased, in reference to the General Orders of the 8th June, 1826, and 16th May, 1827, to command, that the following additional inducements shall be promulgated to the Army, for the information of those Officers who may be disposed to avail themselves of the benefit of this arrangement.

All Officers on Half Pay, who purchased and were reduced, whatever may have been the period of their Service, or Officers on Half Pay who did not purchase, but who, after having served twenty years, half of which on Full Pay, have been reduced, or have retired to Half Pay on account of wounds or impaired health, shall be exempted from that part of the Regulation contained in the General Order of the 8th June, 1826, which requires the Officer to relinquish one-third of the value of his Commission to the Crown, and shall be allowed to receive the full value of such Commission, in the same manner as Officers on Full Pay, who having purchased their Commissions, or having served twenty years, are desirous of selling out for the same object.

His Majesty has further been pleased to command, that this advantage shall be extended to Officers of all ranks, whether

whether on Full Pay, retired Full Pay, or Half Pay; but that, in the two latter classes, all Sales shall be subjected to the conditions and restrictions established by the General Order of the 2nd May, 1825, notwithstanding that a large portion of the Officers on Half Pay would be excluded thereby from Sale: and in order that the Government may have full security for the appropriation of the Sums produced by the Sale of Commissions to the intended purpose, it is His Majesty's Command, that the Agent to whom the Purchase Money be paid shall be instructed to retain in his hands one-third of the amount in each case, to be paid to the Officer who proposes to emigrate, and who shall have obtained permission to dispose of his Commission, or his Half Pay, with that view, upon his producing to the Agent a Certificate, signed by the Master of the Vessel, that he has engaged his passage on board such Vessel for the purpose of proceeding direct to the Colony.

By His Majesty's Command,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 11th September, 1887.

THE necessarily limited scale of the Home Staff, under the present circumstances of the Army, obliges the Commander-in-Chief to declare, that he cannot, henceforth, grant Leave of Absence to any General, or other Officer belonging to the Staff, except upon the most urgent plea, and where the application for the indulgence shall appear to be *unavoidable*.

His Grace moreover requires, that every such Application shall specify distinctly the Name, Rank, and Corps of the Officer who is to do the Applicant's Duty during his absence, which it is expected will always be as short as possible, since it is found that Officers thus circumstanced never can be absent from their stations for any considerable time, without exposing the public service to inconvenience and embarrassment.

By Command of
His Grace the Commander-in-Chief, .
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—No. 457.

Horse Guards, 15th Sept. 1827.

As the Regulations and Practice of the Service do not authorize Officers of the Medical and Commissariat Staff to employ Soldiers as their Servants, and very great inconvenience has been found to result from any extension of such indulgence beyond the limits sanctioned by custom, and fixed by regulation, the Commander-in-Chief directs, that from henceforward no Soldier, whether belonging to Invalid or Veteran Companies, or Regiments of the Line, may be permitted to be employed as a Servant to any Officer on the Medical or Commissariat Staff.

By Command of His Grace,
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Cavalry and
Infantry.*

Horse Guards, 26th November, 1827.

SIR,

I HAVE herewith the honour to forward to you, for your future regulation and guidance, the accompanying List of Prices for the Repairs of Small Arms, which, after due consideration, and a just reference to the price of rough materials and labour, have been regarded as a fair remuneration to Armourer-Serjeants, and recommended by the Master General and Board of Ordnance for general adoption.

The Commander-in-Chief having been pleased to approve entirely of this arrangement, I have to desire that these may be considered as the Standard Prices for the future repairs of Small Arms in the regiment under your orders, with the understanding that no surplus charge for these repairs can ever be allowed against the public.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

List of Prices for the Repairs of Small Arms belonging to Regiments, to be paid by the Captains of Companies to the Serjeant Armourers attached to the respective Regiments in His Majesty's Service.

	£.	s.	d.
For the Stock, and new stocking Muskets and Carbines for Regimental Service . . .	0	10	6
For splicing ditto, including the splice, long . . .	0	4	6
Ditto, ditto, short . . .	0	2	3
For a New Bayonet, when provided by the Armourer	0	3	3
For a New Steel Rammer, ditto	0	1	9
For clipping when broken	0	0	6
For browning the barrel	0	0	6
For Nose-cap, when supplied by the Armourer	0	0	6
For long fore, or Trumpet Pipe	0	0	9
For Short Pipe	0	0	3
For Tail Pipe	0	0	9
For Spring to ditto	0	0	
For Side Piece	0	0	6
For Trigger-plate	0	0	4
For Handle, or Guard	0	1	2
For Heel-plate	0	1	6

LOCK LIMBS.

For Cock well filed and firmly fitted . . .	0	1	6
Cock Nail for ditto	0	0	6
Jaw for ditto	0	0	6
	Hammer		

	£.	s.	d.
Hammer well steeled, and properly hardened	0	1	2
Hammer-spring	0	1	2
Main-spring	0	1	4
Sear-spring	0	0	9
Tumbler, new,	0	1	9
Repairing ditto	0	0	6
Sear new	0	1	2
Repairing ditto	0	0	4
Bridle	0	0	9
Lock Nails, small of sorts each	0	0	2
Trigger	0	0	4
Side Nails each	0	0	3
Breech Nail	0	0	2
Stopper for Rammer	0	0	2
Sights and Loops brazed on barrels, each .	0	0	4
Clipping the Breech-pin of the Barrel when broken	0	0	9
Swivel for the fore end of the Stock, including the Nail	0	0	4
Ditto for the Handle, or Guard	0	0	2
Hardening the Hammer	0	0	4
Wire Pins, each	0	0	1
Wood Screws, each	0	0	1

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 459.)

Horse Guards, 6th December, 1827.

IN reference to the Orders of the 14th March and 7th May last, the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct, that in making application to the Ordnance Department for the Half-Yearly Supplies of Ammunition for *Practice* and *Exercise*, Commanding Officers of Regiments shall transmit a Return (according to the prescribed Form), in which the Quantities received, expended, and remaining in Store, of former Supplies of Ammunition for *Service*, are to be accounted for, in addition to the Return of Ammunition for Practice and Exercise.

It is, however, to be understood, that the Ammunition for *Service* is not to be used for *Practice* and *Exercise*; nor is that which is issued for *Practice* and *Exercise* to be applied to the *Purposes of Service*, without the previous authority of the Board of Ordnance.

By Command of His Grace

The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 460.)

Horse Guards, 8th December, 1827.

IN consequence of its having been represented to the Commander-in-Chief, that very great distress and inconvenience have been occasioned by an excess of Women, beyond the regulated number, being present with most of the Regiments on Foreign Service, notwithstanding the precaution hitherto taken to prevent it; His Grace deems it expedient, with reference to the General Regulations and Orders of the Army, whereby the proportion of Soldiers' Wives to embark with Regiments for Foreign Stations (India and New South Wales excepted) is limited to 6 to 100 Men, to direct that the following Rules shall be strictly observed.

When a Regiment or Detachment embarks, a Nominal List of the Women allowed to proceed with it is to be furnished to the Agent of Transports, or to the Master of the Vessel, signed by the Commanding Officer of the Corps or Detachment, and countersigned by the Officer superintending the Embarkation.

In making the Selection of Women to be allowed to proceed, care should be always taken that those of the best character, and most likely to be useful to the Troops, should be first chosen; and no greater proportion of Serjeants' Wives should be selected, than the Serjeants' Wives bear to the Wives of the Corporals, Drummers, and Privates of the Battalion.

Officers

Officers Commanding Regiments on Foreign Stations are to specify in the Returns which they transmit to the Depôt Companies at Home, the Vacancies which may from time to time occur in the regulated Number of Women, and the Names of those proposed by them to be sent out, with Detachments, to fill such Vacancies.

It is to be considered a rule, in no case to be departed from, that Women who have already joined the Regiment without authority,—or who may hereafter find their way out to their Regiment,—or who have been taken out,—or who may hereafter, by the Commander-in-Chief's permission, obtained through His Military Secretary, accompany Officers as Servants in their Families, and afterwards quit such Service, should they refuse to be sent home at the expense of the Officer, in conformity to his engagement when such permission was granted,—are not to benefit thereby, by being allowed at any future time to fill the Vacancies which may arise in the regulated number for whom Rations are allowed, and which must be reserved for those who have waited at Home for their turn to go out.

By Command of His Grace,
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Commanding Officers of Regiments of Cavalry and
Infantry.*

Horse Guards, 10th December, 1827.

SIR,

WITH a view to render the information afforded by the Muster Rolls of Regiments as complete as possible, the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that the permanent, or acting situation held by each individual, (besides *that* he is mustered in,) shall, on all future occasions, be affixed to his Name in the Muster Rolls.

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H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 461.)

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‘ *Horse Guards, 10th December, 1827.*

IN reference to the General Order of the 8th of September, 1826, containing Regulations to be observed by Officers for whom Passages are provided in Freight Ships, the Commander-in-Chief directs it to be explained, that the Amount of the Forfeiture to be incurred by Officers, who fail to avail themselves of the Passages provided for them, is not to be calculated at one-fourth of the *whole* Sum to be charged by the Captain of the Vessel for providing the Officer's Mess, but at one-fourth of the *Amount* to be paid by the Commissioners of the Navy, on the part of Government, when the Officer is entitled to a free Passage.

The Amount of Forfeiture in such Cases is specified in the fourth column of the annexed Statement.

By Command of His Grace
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

See Page 532, &c.

And His Majesty's Warrant, dated 22d June, 1827.

RATES at which Government Cabin Passengers shall be provided with a proper Mess to the Place of the Ship's Destination.

DESTINATION.	Rates to be charged for the Officers' Mess by the Master, of Freight Ships	Amount to be paid by the Officer on Embarkation.	Amount to be paid by the Commissioners of the Navy	Amount of Forfeiture in cases of Non embarkation	
	£.	£.	£.	£.	s.
New South Wales ..	78	20	58	14	10
Ceylon	70	20	50	12	10
Mauritius	55	15	40	10	0
Cape of Good Hope } and St. Helena... }	40	10	30	7	10
Rio de Janeiro.....	30	8	22	5	10
Jamaica	32	9	23	5	15
Leeward Islands ...	28	8	20	5	0
Bermuda and North } America	25	6	19	4	15
Gibraltar.....	15	4	11	2	15
Malta and Ionian } Islands..... }	25	6	19	4	15
Coast of Africa.....	30	8	22	5	10

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To General and other Officers, Commanding on Foreign Stations.

Horse Guards, 17th December, 1827.

THE Commander-in-Chief having observed the extreme inconvenience to the Public Service which attends the practice of granting Leave of Absence to Staff Officers from Foreign Stations, upon the principle laid down in the Regulations, which can only apply to Officers of Regiments, His Grace finds it necessary to explain, for the information and guidance of all General Officers in Command, that Staff Officers are appointed for the special performance of local duties; and that the Expense incurred by the Country in maintaining them can only be justified by the actual necessity which exists for the fulfilment of those duties by efficient Officers.

This principle is totally at variance with the grant of permission to such Officers to absent themselves from duties, upon which is founded the existence of their Appointments; and His Grace is therefore under the necessity of desiring it may be understood, that when an Officer employed on the Staff Abroad shall require leave of absence to return to England, his appointment must be vacated at the end of the period required for his passage Home.

This order does not apply to the East Indies, where local arrangements of the Company already preclude an Officer holding a Staff employment after leaving that Country.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 462.)

Horse Guards, 20th December, 1827.

CONSIDERABLE inconvenience having arisen to the Public Service from Officers, who are Members of Courts Martial, having been permitted to embark with their Regiments, or to go on Leave of Absence, before the Proceedings have been confirmed, the Commander-in-Chief desires that the Officers of the Army may be reminded, that they are not competent to any other general Duty, or to apply for Leave of Absence from their Regiments, until the Proceedings of the Court, of which they form a part, are finally disposed of.

General Officers in Command will give their particular attention to this subject; and in case of any pressing necessity calling for the Services of Officers so situated, a reference must be made to the Commander-in-Chief, through the Adjutant-General, if at Home;—or, if on Foreign Stations, to the General Officer Commanding;—before they are permitted to go beyond the reach of a Call for the re-assembling of the Court.

By Command of His Grace

The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 463.)

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Horse Guards, 22d December, 1827.

WITH a view to expedite the Public Service, and to promote on all occasions a due alacrity and obedience to Orders, the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that whenever an Officer receives a Command to join his Regiment, or to proceed on any Service;—

- 1.—That the Officer shall be required to record, upon the face of the Order, the time of receiving it; the mode of Conveyance he had adopted; and the time of his arrival at the place ordered, previously to his delivering the Order to the Paymaster, as a Voucher,—or to the Commanding Officer, as an Order received and obeyed.
- 2.—That the Paymaster shall be required to record also upon the same Document (previous to founding a Claim of Marching Allowance upon it) the time that he received it from the Officer; and where no Marching Allowance is due, that this be done by the Commanding Officer.

Three Days will be granted for preparation to all Officers *not ordered on emergent Service*, in which case it will be distinctly specified; and seventy miles will be held as the minimum distance which it is expected each Officer will travel per day, in the completion of the Journey.

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The Commander-in-Chief is further pleased to direct, that in all cases where the Officer does not arrive within the specified period (whether entitled to Marching Allowance, or not,) a special Report be made of the circumstance by the Commanding Officer* of the Regiment, Depôt, or Station, to which he belongs, to the Adjutant-General of the Forces.

By Command of His Grace
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To the Commanding Officers of Regiments of Cavalry
and Infantry.*

Horse Guards, 31st December, 1827.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, that a Communication has been held with the Ordnance Department, on the subject of the period for which *Basket Guards* may be expected to last after their first issue ; and it has been decided that *Seven Years* shall be the period for which these articles may, with proper care, be calculated to remain serviceable.

I have, &c.,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 464.)

Horse Guards, 31st December, 1827.

THE Commander-in-Chief finds it necessary to remind the Officers of the Army, that on or before the day upon which their Leave of Absence expires, they are bound to be actually present with their Regiments, or Departments, if they belong to the Staff, whether the same be stationed at Home or Abroad.

His Grace is resolved to enforce the strictest compliance with the above Regulation, and will refuse any Application for an extension of Leave of Absence, which, after the present warning, shall not be made in ample time to admit of the Applicant being at his post before the expiration of his original Leave, in the event of such extension being refused.

His Grace likewise reminds Officers, that when, in consequence of *sudden illness*, or other *unavoidable* circumstance, they fail to join their Regiment or Department before the expiration of their Leave, they are required, by the “General Regulations and Orders of the Army,” to furnish, for the Commander-in-Chief’s information, as soon as they join, a Statement of the cause of failure.

These Statements must invariably be made through the Officer Commanding the Regiment, or Department, as well as through the General Officer (if any there be) under whom it is serving, and will in no case be admitted by His Grace when transmitted to the Adjutant-General through any but the official channels herein specified.

By Command of His Grace

The Commander-in-Chief,

H. TORRENS, *Adjutant-General*

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 465.)

Horse Guards, 15th February, 1828.

THE KING has been most graciously pleased to direct, that General Lord Hill shall be placed on the Staff of His Majesty's Army, and that all matters respecting His Majesty's Military Service, which have heretofore been transacted by the Commander-in-Chief, shall henceforth pass through the hands of General Lord Hill, G.C.B.

The King's Service having imposed upon Field-Marshal the Duke of Wellington the necessity of resigning the Office of Commander-in-Chief, the Field-Marshal is happy to deliver over the Command to a General Officer who has so frequently promoted the honour of the Army by his own conduct and example; who is so well known to the Officers and Troops, and so well acquainted with their Services and Merits.

By Command of his Grace,
The Commander-in-Chief,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 466.) }

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Horse Guards, 16th February, 1828.

ACCORDING to the King's gracious Command, General Lord Hill assumes the station of General on the Staff, in order that all matters respecting His Majesty's Military Service, which have hitherto been transacted by the Commander-in-Chief, shall henceforth pass through his hands.

His Lordship cannot undertake the arduous duties which devolve upon him, by this pre-eminent mark of His Majesty's favour, without expressing his confident hope, that he will receive from the General and other Officers, and from the Public Departments of the Army, the zealous support calculated to enable His Lordship to fulfil the important trust reposed in him, and to maintain the order, regularity, and discipline for which the Service has been distinguished under the Command of His Royal Highness the late Duke of York, and His Grace the Duke of Wellington.

His Lordship is convinced that he shall best perform his duty to the King,—his Country,—and to the Army itself, by endeavouring to follow the high example afforded by these his Illustrious Predecessors.

By Command of

General Lord Hill,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 467.)

Horse Guards, 16th February, 1828.

GENERAL LORD HILL has been pleased to continue Major-General Lord Fitzroy Somerset in his situation of Military Secretary; and his Lordship desires that the Correspondence of the Army may be addressed to that Officer, according to his Majesty's Regulations.

His Lordship has also been pleased to appoint the following Officers to be his Aides-de-Camp; viz.

Lieut.-Colonel Richard Egerton, Half-Pay.
Major Digby Mackworth, Half-Pay
Captain R. Frederick Hill, 53d Regiment.
Lieutenant G. S. Hill, Royal Horse Guards.

By His Lordship's Command,
H. TORRENS,
Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 11th March, 1828.

WITH a view to the preservation of the Health of His Majesty's Troops, and to their Efficiency after their arrival at Foreign Stations, as well as to the general Convenience of the Public Service, the Embarkation of Officers and Men for the different Stations Abroad is to take place at the Periods of the Year as under specified : viz:—

<i>Stations.</i>	<i>Period of Embarkation.</i>
North America	in April.
Cape of Good Hope	April.
Mauritius	April.
Ceylon	from May to July*.
West Indies	October.
Jamaica	October.
West Coast of Africa	October.
Malta	October.
Gibraltar	October.
Ionian Islands	October.

* So as to arrive in the latter months of the Year, and to disembark at Colombo, or Point de Galle.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

*To the Colonels and Commanding Officers of Regiments
of Dragoon Guards and Dragoons.*

SIR,

Horse Guards, 1st April, 1828.

THE King having been pleased to approve of an alteration in the Dress and Appointments of the Officers of the Heavy Cavalry, the following Regulations are published for general information.

Full Dress to be worn at His Majesty's Drawing Room.

Coat,—made precisely after the Pattern fixed for the Men, as per Circular 17th December, 1827.

Epaulettes.

Aigulette.

No Sash.

Breeches, with Silk Stockings, Shoes, and Buckles
Cocked Hat.

Dress Sword, with Frog Belt.

Dress for Reviews, and great occasions.

Coat,—the same as for Full Dress.

Epaulettes Ditto.

Aigulette Ditto.

Sash,—Crimson and Gold.

Overalls, with Gold or Silver Lace, according to the Regiment.—The Colour of the Overalls to correspond with that of the Men, which will be dark Blue after the 24th December, 1829.

Helmet,—under consideration.

Field Sword, Dress Pouch, and Sword Belt, as at present.

Undress

Undress for Field Days and Common Occasions.

Coat,—the same as for Full Dress and Dress.

Epaulettes Ditto Ditto.

Sash,—the same as for Dress.

Overalls,—the same as for Dress.

Helmet,—the same as for Dress.

Field Sword,, Undress Pouch and Sword Belt, &c.,
as at present.

- * Blue Great Coat, as at present,—to be worn with
Forage Cap as a Morning Riding Dress in Quar-
ters or at Drills.

Dress of the Regimental Staff.

The Paymaster, Quarter Master, Surgeon, Assistant Sur-
geon, and Veterinary Surgeon, to wear the same Uni-
form as the other Officers, excepting only that they
wear no Sash, and instead of Helmets, cocked Hats,
according to the present Regulation.

Dress Horse Furniture for Officers.

Blue, with a double Border of the same Lace, as that on
the Overalls for Dragoon Guards, and a Cipher, G.R.
in the corner.

The same for Dragoons, with the exception of the Bor-
der, which is to consist of one row of 'Lace only.

Flounce of Bear Skin.

I am commanded to add, that Patterns of all the above
articles, with the exception of the Helmet, which is under
consideration, have been sealed with the Seal of this De-
partment, and deposited at the Office of Consolidated
Boards.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

- * *The Blue Great Coat is to be plain, with a Prussian Collar and
Regimental Buttons.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Officers Commanding Rifle Corps.

Horse Guards, 5th June, 1828.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward to you herewith, for your future Regulation and Guidance, the accompanying List of Prices for the Repairs of Small Arms in Rifle Corps, which, after due consideration, and a just reference to the price of Rough Materials and Labour, have been regarded as a fair remuneration to the Armourer Serjeants of those Regiments, and recommended by the Master General and Board of Ordnance for adoption.

The General Commanding in Chief having been pleased to approve entirely of this arrangement, I have to desire that these may be considered as the Standard Prices for the future repairs of Small Arms in the Regiment under your Orders, with the understanding that no surplus charge for these Repairs can ever be allowed.

I have, &c.


H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

A List of Prices for the Repair of Infantry Rifles in possession of the Rifle Regiment, recommended to be allowed by the Captains of Companies to the Serjeant Armourers attached thereto, as a good and sufficient remuneration to them for such Repairs, viz.—

	£.	s.	d.
For the Stock and New Stocking Rifles, and fitting the Box for Implements . . .	0	12	6
For Splicing, including the Splice } Long . . .	0	4	6
} Short . . .	0	2	6
For New Hand Bayonet, when provided by the Armourer . . .	0	3	6
For Fitting a Spring to ditto . . .	0	0	9
For New Steel Rammer when supplied by the Armourer . . .	0	2	6
For Repairing ditto, when broken . . .	0	0	9
For Browning the Barrel . . .	0	0	8
For Nosecap, and fitting Brass . . .	0	0	7
For Long Fore Pipe, ditto . . .	0	1	0
For Short ditto . . .	0	0	6
For Side Piece, ditto . . .	0	0	6
For Trigger Plate, and fitting the trigger, ditto . . .	0	0	9
For Guard or Handle ditto . . .	0	1	9
For Heel Plate ditto . . .	0	1	6
For Box Flap and Spring ditto . . .	0	1	6

Lock Limbs.

For Cock, with  Cock Nail and Jaw, well filed and firmly fitted	0	2	6
Spare Cock Nail	0	0	6
Spare Jaw	0	0	6
For Hammer, well steeled and properly hardened	0	1	6
For carefully hardening Spare Hammer	0	0	4
For Hammer Spring	0	1	2
For Main Spring	0	1	4
For Sear Spring	0	0	9
For Tumbler, new, well filed and fitted	0	1	10
For Repairing ditto	0	0	6
For Sear, new	0	1	3
For Repairing ditto	0	0	4
For Bridle, well fitted	0	0	10
For Lock Nails, small, of sorts, each	0	0	2
For Trigger, new	0	0	6
For Breech Nails, new, each	0	0	4
For Side Nails, ditto, ditto	0	0	3
For Backsight	0	0	9
For Sights and Loops, each	0	0	6
For Nail Tumbler, new	0	0	3
For Swivels, with Nails, each	0	0	4
For Wood Screws, large and small, ditto	0	0	1
For Pins, wire, ditto	0	0	1
For Bolts, for fastening the Stock and Barrel together, ditto	0	0	4
For Bayonet Scabbards, with Brass Chapes	0	1	0
For Spare Brass Chapes for Scabbards	0	0	4

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To General Officers Employed on the Staff of the Army at Home and Abroad.

Horse Guards, 10th June, 1828.

SIR,

To prevent the unnecessary increase of the already too heavy List of Pensioners, the General Commanding in Chief desires, that, at the Half Yearly Inspections, no man shall be proposed for discharge upon the ground of being "*worn out*," who is still fit to perform the ordinary Duties of a Soldier, either upon Home, or upon Foreign Service.—His Lordship has reason to believe that Commanding Officers are but too apt to press many Men upon the Inspecting General for Discharge, who still possess sufficient stamina for all the ordinary Duties of a Soldier upon a Peace Establishment, and that they are prompted to do so by an anxiety to uphold, as much as is in their power, the general appearance of their Regiments.

The immediate object of this Letter is to check the selections made by Commanding Officers upon such occasions, and to place that check in the hands of the General Officers, who will, accordingly, henceforth take care not to suffer any Man to be included for discharge, in the periodical Inspection Reports, whose case shall not have previously undergone their most careful consideration, and appeared to them to be hopeless either as to present or future efficiency.

• Lord

Lord Hill thinks it necessary to take this occasion to recommend to the General Officers to impress upon Commanding Officers of Regiments, that they are bound to discourage, at all times, the groundless supposition, so frequently entertained by Soldiers, that after a certain period of Service (21 or 24 years) they have a right to their Discharge, a supposition for which there never existed any ground whatever.

I have, &c.

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 468.)

Horse Guards, 18th July, 1828.

It appearing that the Troops are in the habit of moving Ammunition from place to place without sufficient precaution against accident, the General Commanding in Chief desires that henceforth all Ammunition, either drawn from, or returned to, the Ordnance Stores, shall be moved under a competent Escort, to be furnished by the Regiment, Depôt, or Detachment, so drawing or returning it.

By Command of

The Right Honourable General Lord Hill,

H. TORRENS,

Adjutant-General.

, MEMORANDUM.

12th August, 1828.

It has hitherto been the established practice that the Two Regiments of Life Guards and the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, when out of London, should report to the Commander-in-Chief; but it is His Majesty's pleasure that they shall, in future, report through the Gold Stick in Waiting, whether in or out of London, provided they shall occupy Barracks or Quarters in the place where there is a Royal Palace, or in the immediate vicinity of such Royal Residence, whether His Majesty be or be not residing there.

N.B. This Memorandum has reference to the Orders contained in Page 15 of the General Regulations of the Army.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 469.)

Horse Guards, 2d September, 1828.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-General Sir Herbert Taylor, G.C.H., to be *Adjutant-General to the Forces*, vice Major-General Sir Henry Torrens, K.C.B., deceased.

By Command of

The Right Honourable

General Lord Hill, G.C.B.

Commanding in Chief,

JOHN MACDONALD,

Deputy Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

*To Colonels and Commanding Officers of Regiments of
Dragoon Guards and Dragoons.*

Horse Guards, 14th October, 1828.

SIR,

IN reference to the Adjutant-General's Communication under date 1st April, 1828*, I have now the honour to acquaint you, by direction of the General Commanding in Chief, that his Majesty having been pleased to approve of New Pattern Helmets for the Officers and Men of the several Regiments of Heavy Dragoons, the same have been sealed with the Seal of this Department, and deposited at the Office of Consolidated Boards for inspection and reference, and the regulation of future Supplies.

I have, &c.

JOHN MACDONALD,

Deputy Adjutant-General.

* See Page 588.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

*To Colonels and Commanding Officers of Regiments of
Light Dragoons, Hussars, and Lancers.*

Horse Guards, 14th October, 1828.

SIR,

HIS Majesty having been pleased to approve of New Pattern Chacos for Light Dragoons and Hussars, and Caps for Lancers, for the Officers and Men of those Regiments, I have the honour to acquaint you, by direction of the General Commanding in Chief, that the same have been sealed with the Seal of this Department, and deposited at the Office of Consolidated Boards for inspection and reference, and the regulation of future supplies.

I have, &c.

JOHN MACDONALD,

Deputy Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Officers Commanding Regiments of Cavalry.

Horse Guards, 20th October, 1828.

SIR,

WITH reference to the Instructions contained in the Circular Letter from this Department of the 29th May, 1826*, I have received the Directions of the General Commanding in Chief to desire, that with the view of preventing any Men being sent to the Riding Establishment, who, from Weakness of Constitution, or other Cause, may not be fit for the Duty of the Riding School, you cause the necessary medical inquiry to be made into the Fitness of the Men, previous to their being detached on this Duty; and that in future, on the back of the Descriptive Returns, accompanying Detachments of the Regiment under your Command to the Riding Establishment, the Surgeon shall certify to the following effect;—viz.

“ I certify, that the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Detachment about to proceed to the Riding Establishment have been examined by me; that they are of good constitution;—free from any injury or affection likely to become worse from Riding;—and they are in every respect in good health.

Signed

* See Page 514.

I am

I am also to signify the Directions of the General Commanding-in-Chief, that with a view to the mutual Security of Regiments of Cavalry, and of the Riding Establishment, from the Communication of Glanders or Farcy, a Certificate to the following effect shall be inserted by the Veterinary Surgeon on the Descriptive Returns of the Horses; and that on the Detachment quitting the Riding Establishment, a similar Certificate shall be sent by the Veterinary Surgeon of that Establishment.

"I certify, that I have inspected the Horses about to proceed to that they are free from disease;—that they have not stood in any Stable with suspicious or infected Horses, within the period of preceding this date,—and that they shew no tendency to Curb or Spavin."*

Signed

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

* This should never be less than *one Month*.—It would be more desirable that it should be *Two Months*;—but if less than *Two Months*, the Number of *Weeks* should be inserted.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To General Officers on the Staff at Home and Abroad.

Horse Guards, 23rd October, 1828.

Sir, •

THE General Commanding-in-Chief having reason to believe, from Reports which have reached him, that His Majesty's Orders and Regulations respecting the Clothing and Appointments of Officers, have not been strictly observed in some Regiments, and that the Commanding Officers have taken upon themselves, not only to depart from the Patterns approved by His Majesty, but even to introduce Articles of Clothing and Appointment, in addition to those prescribed by His Majesty, thereby not only being guilty of a Breach of His Majesty's Orders and Regulations, but also destroying the uniformity of System which it is so essential to maintain in every Branch of the Service, and materially increasing the Expense of Uniforms and Appointments to the Officers of the Army, many of whom can ill afford even that which is correctly and necessarily imposed upon them. I am commanded to desire, that you will, in all future Inspections of Regiments under your Orders, whether periodical or casual, particularly direct your attention to this essential subject, and that you will ascertain by inquiry, and by personal Inspection, whether any, and what Alterations and Additions, not sanctioned by His Majesty's Regulations, have taken place in the Clothing and Appointments of Officers, when, and by whose Authority introduced, and whether prescribed by a Regimental Order, or by a private Instruction to the Officers, which may leave to them the Option of adopting the addition or alteration, and incurring the expense thereof.

You

You will be pleased to specify minutely in what the Alteration or Addition consists, and the cost of the Article, and you will observe, that the Report now called for is to extend to the detail of any Ornament; of a piece of Embroidery, Lace, and even a Button, which may be an Alteration of, or in addition to the Pattern prescribed by His Majesty, to any Alteration in the Cap or Chaco, and in the Appointments.

It is almost superfluous to say, that the object of this Circular Instruction is to enforce a strict observance of His Majesty's Regulations, and to secure the Officers, whose means are moderate, against the ruinous effects of the expensive turn and extravagant fancy of some Commanding Officers;—also to ascertain by whom His Majesty's Orders and Regulations on this head have been disregarded, notwithstanding the repeated Cautions given to Commanding Officers of Regiments.

You will also inquire and report, whether any, and what arrangements are made by the Commanding Officers of Regiments to reduce the Cost to the Officers, of the various Articles of Clothing and Appointments, either by making up a part of them at the Regiment, or by Contracts with Tailors and other Tradesmen, whereby the lowest prices at which the various Articles may be procured shall be fixed and established, and made known to the Officer upon his appointment to the Corps, with the Name of the Tradesman who may have made the lowest Tender, when it would rest with the Officer to determine whether he chooses to avail himself of these facilities of obtaining his Uniform and Appointments at the most reasonable rate.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 471.)

Horse Guards, 28th November, 1828.

THE Master General and Board of Ordnance having represented, that considerable Damage is done to the Ceilings of the lower Stories of the Soldier's Barrack-Rooms, by the careless and violent manner in which the Iron Bedsteads are turned down upon the Floors above, the General Commanding in Chief enjoins Commanding Officers to cause due caution to be observed in this respect, and apprizes them, that, henceforth, all Damages, which shall appear to have been done to the Barrack Ceilings by a continuance of the careless practice herein complained of, will be charged against the Troops.

To obviate this Evil, the Non-Commissioned Officer, in charge of each Room, must be ordered to superintend the turning down of the Bedsteads at a fixed hour in the Evening.

By Order of the Right Honourable

General Lord Hill, Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

Supplementary Instructions to be considered as attached to the Form of the Confidential Inspection Report, and which are to be carefully observed by the General Officer whenever such Inspection shall take place, and noticed Seriatim in the Table of General Observations.

Horse Guards, 1st December, 1828.

WHEN the Regiment, or the Reserve Companies, are inspected and exercised, the General Officer will once at least, or oftener, as the occasion may serve, call upon one of the Captains or Subalterns (provided the latter shall have been doing duty for a reasonable period with the Corps) to put the Regiment or Companies through their Exercise, Field Movements, and Evolutions; such Captain or Subaltern to be selected indifferently, and without previous notice given to him or the Commanding Officer, in order that it may be ascertained whether due attention has been shown to the Instruction of every Officer; whether opportunities have been afforded to him of becoming acquainted with every part of his Duty, and whether he has availed himself of such opportunities.

The General Officer will charge the Commanding Officers to encourage the Subalterns of their respective Corps to qualify themselves for the Duties of Adjutant, both in the Field, and in the Orderly Room, and to afford to them every facility of acquiring a competent knowledge of such Duties; and it should be pointed out to them, that by
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showing a zealous desire to render themselves thus useful, they will strengthen the claim which they may have to advancement in the Service.

The General Officer will point out to Officers commanding Regiments and Corps, the necessity and importance of their requiring Captains and Subalterns of Companies to become thoroughly acquainted with the Character, Disposition, Temper, and Habits, of every Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier, of their respective Companies, so as to be able to answer, at once, and correctly, any Questions which may be addressed to them by their superior Officers. This knowledge can only be attained by unremitting attention to every detail of Duty, and by close Observation.

Finally—the General Officer will take every opportunity of impressing upon the Commanding Officer, and through him upon those of every Rank, the advantage which they, individually, the Corps, and the Service at large, will derive from the adoption towards the Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier of a System of Command and Treatment which shall be free from the coarse and offensive Language, too often used in reproving the Soldier for trifling Irregularities, or for accidental omissions. They should be told that the use of gross Language and offensive terms, upon any occasion, is not only unbecoming their own Character and Station, as Officers and Gentlemen, but degrading to the Soldier; whereas it is desirable to keep up in *all* Ranks of the Army a proper feeling, and high sense of Honour, by which the correct discharge of Duty will be best ensured.

The gross abuse which is often lavished on a Soldier for a trifling Fault, an accidental mistake, or an unintentional Omission,

Omission, produces Irritation or Sulkiness; and to this cause, more than to any other, may be traced acts of Insubordination which entail the necessity of severe Punishment. If Reproof be necessary, it should be conveyed in such a manner, and in such terms, as will make a lasting Impression, without hurting the feelings of the Individual, and lowering him in his own estimation. The Officers should, not only themselves, observe this Injunction, but they should require it to be observed by the Non-commissioned Officers; and indeed their Example will very soon have the effect of checking the use of improper and offensive Terms, on the part of the Non-commissioned Officers towards the Soldiers. If acts of intentional neglect, and of Insubordination should take place, although wholly unprovoked by any Treatment received, the means of Correction and Punishment which are authorized by the Regulations of the Service must be resorted to, and they will have double effect if not preceded by coarse and abusive Language: indeed it will probably be found, that they will become comparatively rare, as the Duty will be done more cheerfully and zealously.

By Command of the Right Honourable
General Lord Hill, Commanding-in-Chief,
H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 472.)

Regulations for the Command, General Superintendence, and Management, of the Service and Reserve Companies of Regiments on Foreign Stations.

Horse Guards, 8th December, 1828.

1.—REGIMENTS on Foreign Stations have been formed into *Six Service Companies* and *Four Reserve Companies*, for the purpose of affording the most effective means of rendering those aids to His Majesty's Government, for which the Military Force is required, both *Abroad* and at *Home*.

2.—The *Service Companies* being employed for the protection of the *Colonies Abroad*, must be kept as complete as circumstances will admit, by Annual Reinforcements from the *Reserve Companies*; and the *Reserve Companies*, while they are intended to afford the ready means of supplying the deficiencies occurring in the *Companies Abroad*, must also be rendered available for Duties at *Home*.

3.—It is, therefore, highly important, that the strictest attention on the part of the Officers should be paid to the Formation of the Soldiers at the *Reserve Companies*, in order to render them as efficient as possible, and applicable to the Duties required of them.

4.—It is obviously necessary, that a due proportion of Officers should, at all times, be effective with the *Reserve Companies*, for the Care, Superintendence, and Instruction of the Men, and other general Duties. All Officers
newly

newly appointed are required to join the Reserve Companies

5.—With respect to the Command of the Service and Reserve Companies, respectively, it must be considered as a Standing Rule (as expressed in former Orders), that *the Post of the Commanding Officer is with the Head Quarters of the Regiment*; and although the General Commanding in Chief will be disposed to grant due Consideration and Indulgence to the Cases of such Commanding Officers of Regiments as may return Home in consequence of Ill Health, or after long-continued Duty on Foreign Stations, yet every deviation from the principle laid down must be considered one of a temporary nature only, arising from the necessity of the case, and on no account to be drawn into a precedent to the disadvantage of the Service.

6.—The Senior Major will, in the first instance, be appointed to the Charge and Command of the Reserve Companies, and he will be held responsible, that all Details are carried on, and all Regulations enforced, in the same manner as in the Companies Abroad:—but it is to be understood, that the Major appointed to that Duty is not to continue to be so employed beyond Two Years, when he will be required to join the Service Companies,—and the other Major of the Regiment will be authorized to return Home, in order to assume the Charge of the Reserve Companies.

7.—With a view to the regular and impartial Distribution of the other Officers of the Regiment;—to the prevention of unnecessary Expense to the Public, by too frequent an interchange of Officers between the Service and Reserve Companies;—and to the maintaining, by every possible

possible means, the Efficiency of both Portions of the Corps, the following Regulations are prescribed, viz.:—

8.—A due proportion of Officers and Non-commissioned Officers will always be required to embark with the Detachments, which are sent out, at fixed periods of the Year, to complete the Service Companies, so as to admit of those, whose Health may require a Change of Climate, being permitted to return Home.

9.—Officers obtaining permission to return Home on account of Ill Health, on Medical Certificates, are to report themselves, immediately on their arrival, to the Adjutant General, in order that the General Commanding-in-Chief may, upon a Medical Report on their respective Cases, determine what extent of Leave of Absence shall be granted them, or require them to join the Reserve Companies; and that other Officers may be sent out, when proper opportunities offer, to replace them with the Service Companies, according to the exigencies of the Service.

10.—Officers who are permitted to return Home from the Service Companies on *specific* Leave of Absence on *their Private Affairs, or at their own requests*, are required to rejoin the Service Companies, at their own Expense, within the Periods for which Leave of Absence may be granted them.

11.—Officers who are permitted to return Home from the Service Companies for the purpose of *retiring on Half-Pay, or of quitting the Service*, are to report themselves, immediately on their Arrival, to the Adjutant General, and also to the Military Secretary, and to state the purpose for which they have returned;—but such permission is in no case to be granted to Officers who apply to receive the regulated Difference on exchanging from Full

to Half-Pay:—No *specific* leave of Absence is to be granted to Officers who are permitted to return Home for the purpose of exchanging from their Regiments, or of quitting the Service, as such Result will be immediate, if a Successor be forthcoming:—If that should not be the case, the Period of Leave to be granted to such Officers will be decided by the General Commanding-in-Chief, according to the Circumstances of the Service, after their Arrival, and the Grounds on which they wish to exchange, or to retire, shall have been reported.

12.—With a view to prevent any misunderstanding, or delay, when Orders are received for Officers to proceed to join the Service Companies, and in order that every Officer may be prepared to take his Tour of Duty on Foreign Service, it is directed, that a Roster shall be kept of the Officers of the several Ranks with the Reserve Companies, and that it be considered as a General Rule, that such Officers as may have been *for the longest Period* at Home, or absent from the Service Companies, whether on Leave, or with the Reserve Companies, shall be *the first* to proceed Abroad, when required to accompany Detachments, or to supply Vacancies which may occur in the Service Companies.

13.—To ensure a due observance of these Orders, it is directed, that on the left side of the Names of the Captains, Lieutenants, and Ensigns, respectively, in the Monthly Returns of the Reserve Companies, the Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, &c., shall be inserted in Red Ink, which shall denote the regular succession of the Officers of each Rank for Duty Abroad, when they may be called upon for Embarkation.

14.—In Cases of Sickness, (properly certified,) or other very urgent and sudden emergency, preventing the Officer,

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of either Rank, *first for Duty*, from proceeding on Service, the Officer next in turn of that Rank must be substituted.

15.—The Subaltern Officers, acting as *Paymasters* and *Adjutants* to the Reserve Companies, are considered as exempted from the operations of the Roster for Foreign Duty, so long as they shall be acting in those Situations. It must be specified in the Returns, against the Names of such Officers, *in which Capacity* they are acting.

16.—In the Selection of Men to complete the Service Companies, and more especially those stationed in Hot Climates, attention must be paid to the Age and Constitution of the individuals, so that the Draft may consist, as far as possible, of the oldest and most seasoned Recruits, and, therefore, best qualified to bear the effects of a Change of Climate:—The opinion of the Medical Officer must, of course, be consulted in the Selection.

By Command of the Right Honourable
General Lord Hill, Commanding-in-Chief,
H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To General and other Officers Commanding on Foreign Stations.

Horse Guards, 8th December, 1828.

Sir,

I HAVE received the Directions of the General Commanding-in-Chief to transmit for your Information, a Copy of the Regulations which have been framed for the Command, Superintendence, and Management of the Service and Reserve Companies of Regiments on Foreign Stations.

These Regulations are so detailed and explicit, that any further Instructions on the subject may be considered almost unnecessary :—It is, however, the desire of the General Commanding-in-Chief, that I should call your particular attention to the Directions therein contained regarding the “Distribution and Efficiency of the Officers.”

The necessity of keeping both Portions of a Regiment as complete as possible, in reference to the Stations and Duties on which they may be respectively employed, will be obvious :—With this view I am to signify to you His Lordship’s request, that you will use great circumspection in granting Permission to Officers to return Home : Such Indulgence should be extended to those only, whose Claims are grounded on Length of Service Abroad ;—on Ill Health, regularly certified ;—on very urgent Private Affairs, which plea should be satisfactorily shewn ;—or a wish to exchange to Half-Pay, or to retire from the Service.

You

You will be sensible that if Officers are permitted to return Home on light or frivolous grounds, much Inconvenience will arise, by their Absence from their Regimental Duties, and much Expense will accrue to the Public by the continual transit of Officers between the Service and Reserve Companies.

It is, therefore, the Order of the General Commanding-in-Chief, that in granting Leave of Absence, according to the discretion allowed you by the General Regulations of the Army, to Officers belonging to Regiments employed at the Station under your command, to enable them to return Home on their private affairs, or at their own Requests, you will require from them a satisfactory assurance in writing that they will rejoin, at their own Expense, within the period for which you may think proper to grant them Leave to be absent, a certified Copy of which should, in every instance, be transmitted to the Adjutant General.

With respect to those Officers whom you may permit to return Home on account of Ill Health, regularly certified, or to exchange, or to retire from the Service, it is His Lordship's wish, that you should specially report the grounds on which such Officers are permitted to return, in order that he may be enabled to determine what period of Leave shall be granted to them, or what steps shall be taken towards replacing them with Effective Officers in the Corps to which they belong.

His Lordship has further directed me to take this opportunity of pointing out to you the necessity of the fullest Report being made, for his Information, of every case, in which an Officer is sent, or permitted to return Home, under circumstances affecting his Character, which may prevent him from continuing in the Regiment: When

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Instances of this nature have occurred, and when the Circumstances have not been duly reported, much embarrassment has been occasioned to the General Commanding-in-Chief, in disposing of an Officer, whose Case is thus thrown upon his decision, without the means of being able to judge of its merits, and the service is thereby subjected to considerable Inconvenience.

It is also very desirable, that in all cases of this description, you should bear in mind that the Officer, who is obliged to quit his Corps, and to return Home, on account of circumstances affecting his Character, cannot be deemed a fit Subject for any other Regiment, nor, consequently, a desirable Subject for the Half-Pay Establishment, and therefore, that the terms on which he is allowed to return Home must place his Case entirely at the Discretion of the General Commanding-in-Chief.

His Lordship commands me to say, that He relies on your zealous co-operation in carrying these Orders into effect.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 473.)

Horse Guards, 30th January, 1829.

IN reference to the directions contained in Page 95 of the General Regulations and Orders of the Army, the General Commanding-in-Chief is pleased to command, that, whenever General, or other Officers, Commanding on Foreign Stations, shall find it necessary to authorize Arms to be issued from the Stores at their respective Stations, *according to any exigency which may arise*, they are to report to the Adjutant-General, for the information of the General Commanding-in-Chief, *the particular circumstances* under which the Issue of Arms to any Regiment has taken place, stating the number and description of the Arms issued, in order that a communication may be made (as is the practice with Regiments on Home Service) to the Ordnance Department, of the Number and Description of the Arms issued, and of the grounds on which it has been found necessary to authorize such issue.

In all cases of Arms, or of other Articles supplied by the Ordnance Department, being issued to replace others which may have become unserviceable, those Articles which are authorized to be exchanged, are to be carefully returned into the Ordnance Stores.

By Command of the Right Hon.

General Lord HILL, G.C.B.,

Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 16th Feb. 1829.

WITH a view to limit effectually the Expense of *Mess and Band Subscriptions*, and at the same time to provide for the proper maintenance of these Establishments, the King has been pleased to Command, that the following Regulations shall take place throughout the Cavalry and Infantry, the Household Troops excepted.—

Thirty days' pay to be paid by each Officer to the *Mess Fund*, on Appointment, and an Annual Subscription under the discretion of the Commanding Officer, but not exceeding Eight days' pay, to be paid in support of Mess Contingencies.

In all cases of promotion, each Officer to pay the difference on thirty days' pay, between the Rank attained and that previously held.

Twenty days' pay to be paid by each Officer to the *Band Fund*, on Appointment, and an Annual Subscription, under the discretion of the Commanding Officer, but not exceeding twelve days' pay, to be paid in support of the Band Expenses.

In all cases of Promotion, the same rule to apply to the Band, as that laid down for the Mess Subscription.

The regulated allowance to *Servants*, to be in future 2s. 6d. per week in the Cavalry, and 1s. 6d. in the Infantry.

No other Subscriptions or charges upon any Regimental Officer to be considered imperative.

In publishing His Majesty's pleasure to the Army, upon subjects calculated so essentially to promote Economy in the Interior of Regiments, and to relieve Officers from extraordinary and unexpected expense, by the introduction of a fixed and uniform scale, the General Commanding-in-Chief calls upon General Officers in Charge of Districts, and Commanding Officers of Regiments, and of Reserve Companies, to give the fullest effect to these Regulations.

By Command of the Right Honourable

The General Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 28th Feb. 1829.

A QUESTION having arisen on the subject of the Fees paid to Riding Masters in the Cavalry, for Instruction in Riding, and for the Breaking of Horses, Lord Hill has been pleased to direct, that the following Charges, which appear to His Lordship both reasonable and sufficient, shall in future be the regulated Amount paid by Officers *on joining*, throughout the Cavalry (the Household Troops excepted).

	£.	s.	d.
For Instruction in Riding	3	3	0
For Breaking Horses	2	2	0
And for each Horse subsequently broken	1	1	0

On this occasion Lord Hill is further pleased to direct, that no Officer shall be allowed to ride a Horse in the Field, which the Riding Master has not notified to the Commanding Officer to be properly broken, and that no Officer shall part with such a Horse, without first obtaining the Commanding Officer's permission.

By Command of the Right Honourable
The General Commanding-in-Chief,
H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 16th March 1829.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to approve of a *New Lance* for the Service of the Lancers of the Army, a Pattern of which has been transmitted to the Ordnance Department, with a view to measures being taken for giving effect to His Majesty's pleasure on this subject, in all future supplies of this Weapon.

By Command of the Right Honourable
The General Commanding-in-Chief,
H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 474.)

Horse Guards, 18th March, 1829.

THE General Commanding-in-Chief having observed, by the Returns recently transmitted of the Number of Women and Children with the several Regiments in Great Britain and Ireland, that the Number permitted to reside with their Husbands in Barracks, in many Regiments, very greatly exceeds the proportion allowed by His Majesty's Warrant for the Regulation of Barracks, dated 16th March, 1824, His Lordship feels it necessary to call the immediate Attention of the Officers Commanding Regiments to the Directions therein contained, from which they have no Authority to deviate*.

Commanding Officers of Regiments must have had ample experience of the very great Inconvenience accruing to the Service, and to the Public, from the improvident and injudicious Marriage of Soldiers:—It is therefore enjoined in the General Regulations of the Army, that “ Every Soldier, previous to his Marriage, with a view to receive the comforts and advantages which His Majesty's Bounty, and the Custom of the Service, extend to Married Soldiers, and to their Wives of good characters, should obtain the Consent of his Commanding Officer, and state

* N.B. This Regulation is considered to apply to *Rank and File only*;—viz. *Four* Women per Troop, or Company, of *Sixty* Rank and File;—and *Six* Women per troop, or Company, of *One Hundred* Rank and File,—*exclusive of Sergeants.*

the Name and Condition of the Woman he proposes to marry, and whether she be a Spinster or Widow."

In order, therefore, to check the Inconveniences which so severely press upon Individuals, and upon the Service, from this Cause, Soldiers, who have married without the Consent of their Commanding Officer, shall, *under no Circumstances*, be allowed to have their Wives in Barracks, or to participate in any of the Advantages allowed by the Regulations of the Service to Married Soldiers.

It must be explained to the Men, that their Comforts, as Soldiers, are in a very small degree increased by their Marriage, while the Inconvenience and Distress, naturally accruing to them from such Connexion, are serious and unavoidable, particularly when Regiments are ordered to embark for Foreign Service, when only *Six Women to One Hundred Men* are allowed to proceed with their Husbands:—On these occasions Commanding Officers of Regiments are placed under considerable embarrassment, in making selection of the Women who are to be permitted to accompany their Husbands abroad, and of those who are to be compelled to return to their Friends, or to their Parishes.

By Command of the Right Honourable
The General Commanding-in-Chief,
H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Officers Commanding Regiments and Depôts of
Infantry.*

Horse Guards, 21st March, 1829.

SIR,

THE several Articles of Necessaries and Equipment, as specified in page 625, having been selected by the Committee of the Board of General Officers, as best calculated, from their quality and price, to serve as Patterns for the general Supply of the Infantry of the Army, and the General Commanding-in-Chief having been pleased to approve of the Selection, the Articles have been accordingly sealed and deposited at the Office of Military Boards.

His Lordship commands me to desire, that you will instruct the Agents of the Regiment under your Command, to cause corresponding Patterns (after being duly compared and sealed by the Committee of the Consolidated Board of General Officers) to be transmitted to you, for the purpose of being kept at your Head Quarters, and regulating your future supplies. The Expense of these Patterns (as in the Cavalry) is to be defrayed by the Colonels.

The present Price of the different Articles is affixed to each, for your information, and although necessarily liable to some variation, will serve as a general Standard of Guidance, where attention to the quality is strictly adhered to.

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Lord Hill has been pleased to approve of the adoption of a Hold-all to contain the smaller articles of the Soldier's necessities, the expense of which will be counterbalance by the abolition of the straps for carrying the Great Coat, —the Knap-sack Slings having been found sufficient for that purpose.

His Lordship has been further pleased to command, that the Chevrons on the Waistcoats of the Serjeants and Corporals shall henceforward be *Scarlet* throughout the Infantry of the Army, and that the Waistcoat shall correspond in all other respects with the newly sealed Pattern deposited at the Office of Military Boards.

It may be necessary to add, that a New Pattern Knap-sack for the use of the Infantry of the Army is now under trial, and that it will therefore be desirable for Regiments requiring a new supply of this Article to await the decision of the General Commanding-in-Chief on this subject.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

List of Soldiers' Necessaries.

	s.	d.
White Trowsers	4	6
Short Boots	8	0
Shirt	4	9
Waistcoat (Serjeant's) 10s. Ditto (Private's)	7	6
Socks	1	0½
Stock and Clasp	1	1
Braces	1	2½
Forage Cap	2	0
Shoe Brushes	1	3
Blacking	0	5½
Clothes-Brush	0	10
Button Brush and Stick	0	5½
Sponge	0	5
Comb	0	5
Razor	1	0
Shaving Brush and Soap	0	4½
Turnscrew Brush and Worm	1	0
Mitts	0	10
Knife, Fork and Spoon	0	11
Hold-all, or Case for small Articles	0	7
Knapsack, Mess Tin, &c.	14	6
Total Private's	£2	13 1½
Do. for Serjeant's	£2	15 7½

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 475.)

* *Horse Guards, 4th April, 1829.*

THE Quarter-Master-General having represented to the General Commanding-in-Chief, that Questions have arisen respecting the Distribution of the Allowance, which, under His Majesty's Warrant, dated 25th August, 1827, had been granted under the head of "*Commuted Allowance for Carriage of Baggage for Regiments on a March in Great Britain,*" His Lordship has been pleased to command, that the Distribution of this Allowance to Individual Officers, and for Regimental Stores in *Great Britain*, shall be exactly the same as has been regulated and detailed in the same Warrant for Individual Officers and for Regimental Stores in *Ireland*;—and that the Overplus of such Weight, for which such commuted Allowance is intended to provide, shall be considered as applicable to the Baggage of the Troops or Companies, and for such purpose exclusively; it being also most clearly to be understood, that in no case shall the Charge against the Public be greater than the Sum specified in His Majesty's Warrant above alluded to.

By Command of the Right Honourable
The General Commanding-in-Chief,
H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 6th April, 1829.

A QUESTION having arisen with reference to the Memorandum of the 16th February last, as to the manner in which the Amount of the *Surgeon's Mess and Band Subscriptions* is to be calculated, the General Commanding-in-Chief desires it may be understood, that the calculation in all cases of an Officer's first Appointment or subsequent Promotion, is to be formed upon the original net pay of the Rank, without reference to the increase resulting from length of Service, but that the Annual Contribution is to be governed by the rate of Pay actually received by the Individual at the time.

By Command of the Right Honourable

The General Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 476.)

Horse Guards, 14th April, 1829.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to command, that the "*Rules and Articles for the better Government of all His Majesty's Forces*," made in conformity to the Act of Parliament of this Session, shall be published, it is the Command of the General Commanding-in-Chief, that they shall be strictly observed in the Army, and that all Officers do make themselves acquainted with the several particulars, by a careful perusal of the Mutiny Act and the Articles of War.

By Command of the Right Honourable
The General Commanding-in-Chief,
H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 25th April, 1829.

A QUESTION having arisen as to the Amount of the Subscriptions to be paid to Regimental Mess and Band Funds by *Married* Officers,—Lord Hill desires it may be understood, that His Lordship considers Married Officers equally liable with unmarried Officers to the *first* Subscriptions to the *Mess* and *Band* Funds, on coming into a Corps, or on Promotion, as well as to the Annual Contribution to the Band Expenses, but that His Lordship conceives they should be wholly exempted from the payment of any *Annual* Contribution to the Mess, supposing such to be required.

By Command of the Right Honourable
The General Commanding-in-Chief,
H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

*To Officers Commanding Regiments,—Reserve Companies,
and Depôts.*

Horse Guards, 16th June, 1829.

SIR,

THE General Commanding-in-Chief having been pleased to direct, that a Return of Courts Martial held in the Regiment under your Command shall be transmitted to the Adjutant-General, and the General Officer under whose Orders you are stationed, on the 25th of each Month, I have the honour to enclose a Form of the said Return, and to signify Lord Hill's desire that it may be strictly adhered to.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

RETURN of Courts Martial in the **Regiment between the 25th of** **and 24th of**
Head Quarters **25th of**

RANK and NAMES.	Whether tried before, and if so, when, how, and what Sentence	Crime and Date, and Place of Commission.	Description of Court- Martial by which tried.	Date and Place of Trial	Finding and Sentence	By whom, and when confirmed.	Punish- ment inflicted.	Punish- ment remitted	Officers in Command of the Regiment	REMARKS.

Signature of the Commanding Officer

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 15th June, 1829.

A QUESTION having arisen as to the advantages which Married Officers not contributing the Annual Subscription ought reasonably to derive from the Regimental Mess, —The General Commanding-in-Chief desires it may be understood, that he considers it only imperative on Married Officers, as stated in the Circular of 25th April last, to pay the First Subscription on Appointment, and those consequent upon Promotion;—it remaining optional with them to pay or to decline paying the usual Annual Subscription; but in all cases where this last is withheld, Lord Hill is of opinion that they cannot consider themselves entitled to any advantage beyond that of frequenting the Mess in their own person, whenever they may think proper.

By Command of the Right Honourable

General Lord Hill,

Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Officers Commanding Regiments of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 19th June, 1829.

SIR,

A NEW Knapsack having been approved for the Service of the Infantry of the Army, the General Commanding-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that a Pattern shall be sealed and deposited at the Office of Military Boards for the purpose of regulating future supplies.

It is considered that the new Knapsack, which has undergone the minute examination of the Committee of the Consolidated Board of General Officers, and which has been likewise subjected to mature trial, will be found to embrace the following advantages :—

- 1st. The Valisse is dispensed with.
- 2nd. The Wooden frame is stronger, and better constructed than in the present Knapsack.
- 3rd. A Pocket is attached to the flap, which is found to add greatly to the convenience of the Soldier.
- 4th. The Buckles, which, in the present Knapsack, are merely stitched on to the flap (and which is liable to give way at these points), are sewn to straps which are stitched all along the flap ; a method that tends to render the whole more strong and durable.

5th. The New Pattern admits of the Great Coat being carried in Three different ways :—If within the Pack, when the Men are lightly equipped in point of necessities, it will be separated from the necessities by the inner flaps, and covered by the other side flaps :—If it be put on the outside, folded square, the Mess Tin will be carried on the Top of the Knapsack :—If rolled, it can be secured on the top of the Knapsack, with the Straps which have been placed there for that purpose, when the Mess Tin will go below it, at the back of the Knapsack.

6th. The whole of the Knapsack Slings and Straps for carrying the Great Coat are of Buff, to obviate the objection against part of the Straps requiring Blacking.

7th. The Mess Tin Cover is of unpainted Canvas only, and can be cleaned with pipe clay,—or washed.

8th. The estimated price of the New Knapsack complete, with Mess Tin and Cover, Straps and Slings, does not exceed Fourteen Shillings, whereas the present sealed pattern (which is hereby cancelled) completed with these Articles, and with the Valisse, is charged from 14*s.* 6*d.* to 16*s.*

In making this Communication, I am at the same time to acquaint you, that the General Commanding-in-Chief approves of the Three methods of carrying the Great Coat as above mentioned, and which are to be adopted under the following circumstances.

In light Marching Order the Great Coat to be carried
within

within the Pack,—separated from the necessities by the inner flaps, and covered by the side flaps.

In heavy Marching Order the Great Coat to be carried folded square on the outside (the Mess Tin on the Top of the Knapsack) to facilitate the Exercise and Firing.

On the Line of March the Great Coat to be rolled, and to be carried on the top of the Knapsack (with the Mess Tin below it at the back of the Knapsack) to relieve the weight.

I am further to add, that the Knapsack now in wear by the Regiment under your Command, will be continued, until it shall be found necessary to have recourse to further supplies.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To General and other Officers Commanding on Foreign Stations.

SIR,

Horse Guards, 22nd June, 1829.

IN reference to the Circular Letter, which I had the honour of addressing to you on the 8th December last, I am directed to signify to you the Orders of the General Commanding-in-Chief, that, in all future Cases in which Officers obtain Leave of Absence from Foreign Stations, to enable them to return Home, *on account of their private Affairs*, they shall be required to sign a Declaration to the following effect, which is to be added to the Declaration, already required to be given, that they will rejoin, *at their own Expense*, within the period for which Leave may be granted them to be absent:—viz.

“ I further declare, that if, during the period of my Leave of Absence, I should retire from the Service,—exchange to another Regiment,—or to the Half-pay,—I will hold myself responsible for the Payment of the Expense of the Passage of the Officer who may be ordered out to replace me in the Service Companies of my Regiment.”

His Lordship feels it necessary to establish this Regulation for the purpose of guarding, as far as possible, the Interests of the Public against the heavy Charge, which has heretofore arisen in the Expense of Passages, in consequence of Officers, who have received Leave of Absence *on private grounds*, not returning to their Duty, and thus throwing upon the Public the Expense of the Passages of those who have been sent out to replace them in the Service Companies.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Officers Commanding Regiments at Home and Abroad.

Horse Guards, 29th June, 1829.

SIR,

IN consequence of Representations which have been received from the General Post Office, the General Commanding-in-Chief finds it necessary to direct your particular attention to that part of the General Orders and Regulations of the Army which relates to the "*Postage of Soldiers' Letters*," and to desire, that the same may be read to the Regiment under your Command once in every Two Months, with the Articles of War, and occasionally to each Company, by the Officer in Command of it.—

Lord Hill further desires that you will take every opportunity of making the Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the Regiment sensible of the Inconvenience to which they expose themselves, their Families, and other Relations, by fraudulently abusing the liberal Arrangement made by the Legislature of their Country, to enable them to carry on their Correspondence at Home and Abroad at an almost nominal Rate of Postage; also, that by thus attempting to injure the Public Revenue, they may impose upon His Majesty's Government the necessity of recommending the Repeal of the Act of Parliament which confers so valuable a benefit upon them.—

I have it especially in command to refer you to the following Extract from Page 186 of the General Regulations

tions and Orders, and to signify Lord Hill's most positive Injunctions, that you rigidly act up to the determination therein expressed, upon the part of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York.—

“ Any Non Commissioned Officer or Soldier who shall present to his Officer a Letter to be rendered Free of Postage, which is not bonâ fide his own, will be guilty of a Fraud, and a breach of Discipline, for which it is His Royal Highness's express Command, that every Offender shall be tried, and no alleviation of whatever Punishment may be awarded, must be expected.”

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

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GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 477.)

Horse Guards, 30th June, 1829.

It appearing from the Reports made to the General Commanding-in-Chief, that the Practice of Light Infantry Movements has been much neglected in some Regiments of the Line, the Adjutant General has received His Lordship's Orders to direct the notice of the Inspecting General Officers to this subject, and to desire, that they will call the attention of Officers in Command of Regiments, and Reserve Companies, to the Importance which is attached to the Instruction of every Regiment of Infantry in the Service, in the Movements and Duties of Light Infantry.

His Majesty's Regulations have at all times prescribed it, and Commanding Officers of Regiments are much mistaken if they conceive that the Practice, so prescribed, is to be confined to Light Regiments, or to the Light Companies of other Corps.—The Object in view is, that the *whole* of *every* Regiment should be made as perfect as possible in the Evolutions and Movements of Light Infantry, and should be qualified to move as such, if required, and to take the Out Post Duty in any Situation of Service.

The Officers have ample time to make themselves acquainted with every detail of this Service, independently of the Information they must possess of Line Movements, and it is unnecessary to dwell upon the essential Advantage which they will derive from a competent Knowledge of
Duties

Duties which they may, in the absence of Light Troops, be called upon to perform in the Field.

Lord Hill therefore directs, that the Exercise of the whole Corps in extended Order, as Light Infantry, may in future form one of the Objects of the Half Yearly Inspection and Report to be made of *every* Regiment.

By Command of the Right Honourable
The General Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 478.)

Horse Guards, 18th July, 1829.

HIS Majesty, being desirous to encourage Officers to become Settlers in the British North American Provinces, is pleased to command, that Grants of Land in the proportions undermentioned, shall, on the recommendation of the General Commanding-in-Chief, be made to those Officers who may be induced to avail themselves of the Offer viz. :—

	Acres.
Lieutenant-Colonel	1200
Major	1000
Captain	800
Subaltern	500

subject always to the conditions of actual Residence, and Cultivation of the Land assigned, within a limited Period.

Officers who shall propose to settle in the British Provinces of North America, will, if of a proper Age, and if their Service shall be considered as entitling them to the Indulgence, be permitted to dispose of their Commissions; and in order that his Majesty's Government may have full Security for the appropriation to the intended purpose of the Sums produced by such Sale, it is His Majesty's Command, that the Agent, to whom the Purchase Money is paid, shall be instructed to retain in his hands one-third of the Amount in each Case, until a Certificate shall be transmitted by the Governor or Officer Commanding in the Province, that the Officer is actually settled :—the reserved money will then be paid to him.

By Command of the Right Honourable

The General Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 20th July, 1829.

THE Cavalry are in future, when on Escort Duty (even when escorting His Majesty) to be in Marching Order, without Shabraque or Valise, and with covered Chacos without Feathers.

The Hussars, when on Escort in Summer, to wear the Dolman instead of the Pelisse, which is to be worn on Winter Escort Duty only.

All Cavalry Sentries to mount in future without Carabines, and to salute with the Sword in the manner prescribed for the Sentries of the Household Brigade, viz.—

The Royal Family Standards and Colours.

The Sword to be brought to the “recover,” and then extended with the edge outwards to the right,—the full length of the Arm, the Hilt to be in line with the Shoulder.—In Two Motions.

For Generals and Field Officers.

The Sword to be brought to the “recover,” and then extended with the edge outwards to the *front*, the full length of the Arm: the Hilt to be in line with the Shoulder.—In Two Motions.

For all Officers under the Rank of Field Officers.

Swords to be simply carried at “attention.”

By Command of the Right Honourable

General Lord Hill,

Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

N.B. The *Orderlies* of Cavalry are also to be without Shabraque or Valise, and with covered Chacos without Feathers; and the *Orderlies* of Hussars are also to appear as above directed for Escorts.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 479.)

Horse Guards, 3rd August, 1829.

THE General Commanding-in-Chief deems it necessary to correct a misapprehension with regard to the mode of Marching past at Inspections, or Reviews.

His Lordship having observed that the Mounted Officers salute in marching round in quick time, desires it may be understood, that this should only be the case when the Troops, from their number, or other causes, are prevented from Marching round in slow time, and when the Line is formed into Mass of Columns at quarter distance, with a view to save time and preserve the Troops fresh for subsequent movements, as laid down at page 316 of the Field Exercise, and Evolutions of the Army.

By Command of the Right Honourable
The General Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 480.)

*Horse Guards, 4th August, 1829.**

THE General Commanding-in-Chief is under the necessity of cancelling the Authority whereby certain General Officers, though unemployed, have hitherto been permitted to retain Soldiers as Servants, and to desire that all such Servants may be restored to the Ranks of their respective Regiments before the 24th of September next, except those who are attached to General Officers actually serving upon the Staff, to whom Bat-men are still to be allowed, as heretofore, from the Troops under their immediate command.

Lord Hill recalls, with the greatest reluctance, the grant of an Indulgence of long standing, and trusts that the General Officers will readily feel that a continuance of it, whilst the Army remains upon its present low Establishment, could not be sanctioned without subjecting the Public Service to Inconvenience.

By Command of the Right Honourable

The General Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 481.)

Horse Guards, 6th August, 1829.

THE General Commanding-in-Chief has been pleased to direct, that when Orders have been given for discharging a Soldier with Ignominy, the following process shall be strictly adhered to, in carrying such Orders into effect.

The Regiment being assembled, and the Man about to be discharged brought forward, the several Crimes and Irregularities of which he has been guilty are to be recapitulated, and the Order for his Dismissal from the Service is to be read, together with his Discharge, in which will be noticed his ignominious and disgraceful conduct. The Buttons, Facing, Lace, and any other Distinctions, are then to be stripped from his Clothing : he is to be marched down the Ranks, and trumpeted or drummed, as the case may be, out of the Barracks or Quarters of the Corps.

By Command of the Right Honourable

The General Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

*To Officers Commanding Regiments at Home
and Abroad.*

Horse Guards, 20th August, 1829.

SIR,

It having been decided that Regimental Courts Martial shall award the punishment of Imprisonment in such Cases only, where the Sentence can be carried into effect in places for Military Confinement at the Quarters of the Corps, I am directed by the General Commanding-in-Chief to desire that you will communicate this Letter to the Officers under your Command, for their guidance until further Orders, and that you will take care that no Sentence of a Regimental Court Martial shall be confirmed, which is not in conformity to the Instructions now given.

It is hardly necessary to add, that in all such instances, the additional Award of Hard Labour, being impracticable, becomes of course superfluous, and consequently incorrect.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

MEMORANDUM.

Horse Guards, 24th September, 1829.

WITH reference to Article 16 of the Regulations of the 8th of December, 1828, for the Service and Reserve Companies of Regiments on Foreign Stations, the General Commanding-in-Chief is pleased to direct, that the Regiments serving in Tropical Climates shall not enlist any Recruits under the age of *Twenty Years*; and that in consideration of such restriction as to *Age*, those Regiments (excepting the Cavalry) shall be permitted to take Recruits of the Height of Five Feet Six Inches, being one inch under the general Standard.

An Extract of the Article, above alluded to, regarding the Selection of Men to be sent out to Regiments in Tropical Climates is annexed; and Commanding Officers of Regiments and Depôts, and Officers employed on the Recruiting Service, are enjoined to use the utmost vigilance in judging the Age of such Recruits as offer themselves, so as to prevent the introduction into the Service of any under the prescribed Age.

By Command of the Right Honourable

The General Commanding-in-Chief,

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

* See Page 612.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

*To General or other Officers Commanding on Foreign
Stations.*

Horse Guards, 25th September, 1829.

SIR,

I HAVE received the directions of the General Commanding-in-Chief to transmit to you the accompanying Printed Form, according to which it is His Lordship's desire, that the Quarterly Return of Absent Officers, as prescribed in page 258 of the General Regulations and Orders of the Army, shall be made up.

In transmitting these Returns, it is desirable that you should cause it to be stated in the Column assigned for that purpose, whether you have had reason to be satisfied with the Explanation, which is, in all cases, to be required from Officers who overstay the periods of their Leave of Absence, or who are Absent at any time without regular Authority, and whose pay is directed by the 4th Section of the Articles of War to be withheld, until a satisfactory Explanation is given of the cause of their Absence.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To General and other Officers Commanding Districts at Home, and at Stations Abroad.

Horse Guards, 21st November, 1829.

SIR,—In order to obviate any further misconstruction of the Mess and Band Regulations which the explanatory Circular Memoranda of the 25th April and 15th June* last do not appear to have removed, I am directed to acquaint you, and to desire that you will signify to the Officers Commanding Regiments under your Orders,—

That the Regulations which regard *Married* Officers do not prevent their subscribing to the Mess, if they think proper, nor restrict Commanding Officers, and Regimental Field Officers, who may be married, from voting as to the Regulations and Expenditure of the Mess, which are Regimental Concerns.

On the contrary, it is considered desirable, that they, or in their absence, other *Married* Officers, such as any of the Captains, the Paymaster and Surgeon, who may be Men of Business, should, as Honorary Members of the Mess, be Members of the Committee, although they may not be *Annual* Contributors to it.

It was not intended to prevent a *Married* Officer, being an honorary Member of the Mess, inviting, when he personally dines at the Mess, one or more Friends, if he pay—

* See Pages 629 and 632.

for them, but he cannot be allowed, by such invitation, to throw any expense upon the Mess at large, nor can he expect to derive any other advantages from the Mess, such as are derived by, and are common to Annual Subscribers, unless he shall contribute as they do, to its general Annual Expenses

There is nothing in the Regulations to prevent Officers contributing *Individually* what they please to the Support of the Band, but they cannot be *required* to exceed the Amount prescribed by the Regulation.

Any thing beyond that Amount must be optional, and the express object of the Regulation is to protect the Officer of small means, while it leaves to the Individual whose Income may admit of it, the power of an increased Contribution: But this must be considered *Private*, not *Regimental*.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To Officers Commanding Regiments and Depots of Infantry.

Horse Guards, 8th December, 1829.

SIR,—With reference to the Circular of the 21st March last,* General Lord Hill has been pleased to direct, that Patterns of Necessaries for the Service Companies of Regiments Abroad shall be prepared without delay, and forwarded to the Office of Military Boards, in order that they may be sealed and transmitted to the respective Corps by the earliest opportunity.

I have, &c.

H. TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

* See Pages 623, 624, and 625.

GENERAL ORDER.—(No. 483.)

Horse Guards, 1st January, 1830.

HIS Majesty having been pleased, by His Royal Warrant, bearing date 14th November, 1829, to authorize certain alterations in the mode of discharging Soldiers, the General Commanding in Chief deems it proper to issue the following Orders to the Army in consequence.

1.—Non-commissioned Officers or Private Soldiers are not to be discharged without the authority of the General Commanding-in-Chief, signified through the Adjutant-General.

2.—Previously to any Soldier being proposed for discharge on account of *unfitness for service*, the Commanding Officer of the Corps is to make a full Report of the Case to the General Officer, under whose Orders he is stationed, that he may personally inspect the Men, assisted by the Superior Medical Officer under his Command; and if his opinion coincide with that of the Commanding Officer and the Regimental Surgeon, he is to certify the same at the bottom of a Return prepared according to the annexed Form (No. 1.), which Return is then to be transmitted direct to the Adjutant-General by the Commanding Officer, for the purpose of being laid before the General Commanding in Chief, whose Instructions relative to the disposal of the Man will be communicated to the Commanding Officer

3.—If the Regiment be stationed in Ireland, the Return is to be transmitted to the Deputy Adjutant-General in Dublin, for the purpose of being laid before the General Officer Commanding the Forces in that part of the United Kingdom.

4.—Before a Soldier is henceforward permitted to leave the Corps to which he belongs, preparatory to his removal from the Service under any circumstances whatever, whether of unfitness for duty, or at his own request, a Regimental Board must be assembled, to investigate, verify, and record, the following particulars, viz.:—

- 1st. His Services.
- 2nd. His Disability.
- 3rd. His Character.
- 4th. His Accounts and Claims ;

according to the mode prescribed in the Regulations annexed to His Majesty's Warrant before-mentioned.—The Board is to be composed of three Officers, viz. the Major of the Regiment, or the second in Command, as President, and two Captains as Members*.

5.—From the Proceedings of this Board the Discharge of the Soldier, according to the annexed Form (No. 2.), is to be filled up, and when signed by the President, and

* When there is not a sufficient number of Captains present with the Depot, or Reserve Companies, of a Regiment, the Board is to consist of the Second in Command, and the two next Senior Officers ; and when a Soldier, authorized to be discharged, happens to be absent from illness or other cause, the Proceedings of the Regimental Board, &c., are to be filled up as far as they can be made applicable to the circumstances of the Case.

countersigned by the Commanding Officer, is in every case to be transmitted, together with a *Duplicate* of the Proceedings of the Board, to the Adjutant-General.

6.—Every Soldier, on being *finally discharged*, is to be furnished with a Parchment Certificate, according to the annexed Form (No. 3.), which must be confirmed in the Adjutant-General's Department, before it is delivered to the Man.

7.—When Soldiers are sent Home from Foreign Stations for the purpose of being discharged, the General or other Officer Commanding will take care, that the Medical Staff Officers have had full opportunity of investigating the Cases, before the Men are permitted to embark. He will also take care that the same course with regard to the previous assembling of a Regimental Board, and the preparation of the prescribed Documents, be pursued, and that the several Discharges, Parchment Certificates, and Duplicates of the proceedings of the Board be forwarded carefully sealed up, to the Commandant of the Invalid Depôt at Chatham, which place is the destination of all Invalids returning from Foreign Stations.

8.—The serious Evils, which have resulted to the Public, as well as to Individuals, from the very careless and incorrect manner in which the Regimental Records have been kept, and Discharges filled up, having been fully ascertained and placed beyond question by the Investigations recently instituted, and now in course of progress, throughout the whole Army, the General Commanding-in-Chief feels it incumbent upon him to require Officers in Command, and all others concerned, to give

the strictest attention to the preparation of the Documents now required, for the accuracy of which in every respect they will be held personally responsible ; and Lord Hill trusts that there will be no occasion or opportunity, in future, for recurrence to measures which are painful to his feelings, in proportion as they expose the misconduct of Individuals, and reflect discredit upon the Army at large.

9.—In cases where Soldiers serving on Foreign Stations may be desirous of being discharged on the Spot, the General or other Officer Commanding shall, if he see fit, forward their applications to the Adjutant-General, together with all the prescribed Documents, in the same manner as if the Men were on their way home, on the receipt of which Documents the pleasure of the General Commanding in-Chief will be signified.

10.—With regard to Soldiers who may be allowed, under certain conditions and limitations, to obtain their Discharges at their own request, according to the Scale laid down in the annexed Table (No. 4.), the General Commanding-in-Chief desires that Commanding Officers, in recommending Individuals for this indulgence, will be careful always to give the preference to Men according to the goodness of their Character ; a course which, if steadily pursued, cannot fail to operate as a strong inducement to good conduct.

11.—In the cases of soldiers who are prepared to pay the regulated Compensation for their Discharge, the mode of application now in use may be continued ; but in the cases of Men with Length of Service giving them a claim to Pension, on that account, who may be desirous of ob-

taining Free Discharges, with or without Gratuity, Commanding Officers will allow a period of Thirty Days to intervene between the receipt of the Soldier's application, and its transmission to the Adjutant-General, in order to afford the Man sufficient time to reconsider the step he is about to take, and to withdraw his request, if on mature deliberation it shall appear to him imprudent or unadvisable. It will also be the duty of the Commanding Officer to assist the Man with the best information and advice in his power on so important a point, and it is presumed that every Commanding Officer will discharge this duty with the utmost alacrity, and in the most conscientious manner.

12.—His Majesty having been graciously pleased to authorize the General Commanding-in-Chief to exercise his discretion as to the extent to which this indulgence is to be granted, Lord Hill will be inclined to give it the utmost limits which may appear to him consistent with a due regard to the welfare of the Service at large, and the particular circumstances and situation of the Corps, from which the applications are made: and the Commanding Officers are to keep a Record, according to the order of date, of all applications which may be made to them for Discharges, stating distinctly and fully in each the character and claims of the Individual; a Copy of which Record shall be transmitted to the Adjutant-General at the termination of each half year, for the information and guidance of the General Commanding-in-Chief, with reference to any applications which may be addressed direct to Head Quarters.

—The General Commanding-in-Chief thinks it unnecessary further to enlarge the present Orders, especially as

the Instructions issued from the War-Office touching the financial bearings of the measure in question are so detailed; and His Lordship requires a diligent perusal of these Instructions, and a strict observance of them, from Officers in Command, and from all others in any way connected with the interior economy and discipline of Regiments.

By Command of the Right Honourable

The General Commanding-in-Chief,

HERBERT TAYLOR,

Adjutant-General.

Form No. 1.

Return of Men belonging to the

Regiment of
and found unfit for the Service of the Regiment.

Inspected by

Head Quarters

No.	Rank and Names.	Age.		Size.			Service.			Disease or Cause of Incapacity.	Remarks.	
		Years.	Months.	Feet.	Inches.	Years.	Months.	In what Corps.	Fit for Home Duty, or totally unfit		General Character.	

Signature of the Medical Staff Officer.

Signature of the Regimental Surgeon.

Signature of the General Officer.

Signature of the Officer Commanding.

HIS

MAJESTY'S

REG'T.

OF



Whereof

is Colonel.

No. 55. THOMAS ATKINS, SERJEANT.

Born in the Parish of St. Mary

, in or near the Town of Portsmouth,

County of Hants

, by Trade a Labourer

Arrested for the 5th Regiment of Foot, at

Coventry , in the County of Warwick.

on the 9th May, 1806 , at the Age of Seventeen.

1st SERVICE. After the Age of 18 Years, which he is entitled to reckon up to the 30th September, 1829 is Twenty-three Years and One Hundred and Forty-five Days, the Statement of which is as follows :

Regiment.	Promotions, Reductions, &c.	Rank.	Period of Service in each Rank.		Amount of Service.	
			From	To	Years.	Days.
5th F. 30'	Promoted	Private	9th May, 1807	24th December, 1812....	5	230
	Ditto	Corporal	25th December, 1812....	18th May, 1814	1	145
	Ditto	Sergeant	19th May, 1814	4th December, 1815....	1	200
	Reduced	Sergeant-Major	5th December, 1815....	14th December, 1820....	5	10
	Promoted	Private	15th December, 1820....	7th July, 1822	1	205
	Ditto	Corporal	9th July, 1822	29th March, 1824	1	235
		Sergeant.	10th March, 1824	30th September, 1829	5	195

For Soldiers enlisted previous to the 15th March, 1818						
INDICES	From	To	Years.		Half period	Half period
			Years.	Days		
East	26th Decr 1812	26th Decr 1814				
West	15th Decr 1812	1st Decr 1822				
* WATERLOO						
Total of the foregoing Statement					25	145
Deduct Three Years not allowed to reckon as service in the proceedings of the Regiment and Discharge						
Total Service up to the 10th Decr 1824					23	145
<p>A Non commissioned Officer enlisted after the 14th November, 1829, must have served not less than Three Years without Interruption as such, immediately preceding his discharge</p> <p>* Vide Art 6 of the Pensioner Regulations</p> <p>Of which, as Corporal 4</p> <p>Sergeant 11</p> <p>Sergeant-Major 11</p>						
Further Service from the 1st Decr 1824 to the 15th Decr 1829 when finally discharged						15
Total Service allowed to reckon to the day of final discharge					23	320

* To be erased, when not required, by drawing the Pen through the Lines.

SERVED.

Two Years in the East Indies, Two Years in the West Indies, Six at Gibraltar, Two in the Peninsula, the remainder at Home Wounded in the Leg at Waterloo. present at the Siege of Bhurtpore; distinguished himself at the Storming of the place

2nd.
DISABILITY,
or cause of
Discharge.

According to the Surgeons' Report annexed, it appears that this is a case of disease or disability, contracted on Duty, without being attributable to Neglect, Design, Vice, or Intemperance and the Regimental Board approves of the opinion of the Surgeon, as is shown by the Proceedings of the Board hereto annexed.

Or, by a severe Disease originating in Constitutional Infirmary or in Misconduct, but not contracted by the exigencies of the Service.

Or by purchasing his Discharge for £

Or by receiving a Gratuity of £ and a Free Discharge.

3rd.
CHARACTER.

The Regimental Board is of opinion, that his general Conduct has been that of a good and efficient Soldier, seldom in the Hospital, trustworthy and sober.

Or think his Character and Conduct have been bad, for the reasons set forth in the Proceedings of the Board.

4th.
PAY and
CLOTHING.

He has received all just Demands from his Entry into the Service, up to the 30th September, 1829.

I THOMAS ATKINS, &c

Certified _____ Captain.

I Certify that the foregoing Statements are correct Extracts from the Regimental Records, and the Proceedings of the Regimental Board.

Major, and President.

Confirmed by me,

Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding.

OPINION.

Of the Principal Medical Officer, at

December 1th 1829

After a treatment of One Month in the General Hospital, I am of opinion that THOMAS ATKINS is unfit for Service, and likely to be permanently disqualified for Military Duty, and I approve of the opinion of the Surgeon.

Or I am of opinion that the Soldier is capable of further Service, &c. &c.

Horse Guards, _____

Order Sergeant THOMAS ATKINS to appear personally before the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital or

By order of the General Commanding-in-Chief the Discharge of Thomas Atkins is confirmed

DECISION. The Commissioners award THOMAS ATKINS to receive a Pension of a day, commencing

Secretary, or Chief Clerk.

DESCRIPTION Of THOMAS ATKINS, at the time of his Discharge.

He is 40 Years of age, 5 Feet 10 1/2 Inches in Height,

{ bald }
 { or } hair, grey eyes, sallow Complexion
 { light }

By Trade a Labourer.

He has a scar on mark on his left hand

When he left the Regiment, THOMAS ATKINS was the Pay Serjeant of his Company

MARCHING ALLOWANCE THOMAS ATKINS received from Pay Master at Chatham, on the 14th December 1829, Ten Days' Marching Allowance, to carry him to Coventry, the place of his enlistment, or to the Port at which he is to embark on the way to the place of his enlistment.

• THOMAS ATKINS

FORM No. 3.

PARCHMENT CERTIFICATE.

5th Regiment of Foot.

THESE are to Certify that Thomas Atkins, Serjeant, born in the Parish of St. Mary, in or near the Town of Portsmouth, in the County of Hants, was enlisted at Coventry, for the aforesaid Corps, on the 6th May, 1806, at the Age of 17 Years. That he has served in the Army for Twenty-six Years, and 5 Months. Was a Corporal Six Years, a Serjeant Ten Years; was in the West Indies Four Years, and in the East Indies Five Years. That he is discharged in consequence of being unfit for further Service, and has been granted a Pension.

Signed _____ Commanding Officer.

Dated at Manchester, 30th September, 1829

Horse Guards.

DISCHARGE of Serjeant Thomas Atkins confirmed.

CHARACTER.

Thomas Atkins has been a well-conducted Soldier, was _____, and has distinguished himself by several acts of Bravery; and, in consequence of his long and meritorious Service, he has received a special Gratuity of £ _____, in addition to the Pension to which he is entitled.

Signed _____ Commanding Officer.

The Soldier's Character is to be inserted only when recommendatory; if the general conduct of a Soldier whilst in the Service has been such as to give him no claim to have any thing said in his favour, the space for Character in the above Certificate is to be cut off close under the black line following the confirmation of the Discharge, thereby leaving no opportunity for any addition to be made after the Certificate is given to the Man.

When a Soldier is *discharged* on account of *disgraceful conduct*, that will appear in the body of the Certificate.

TABLE No. 4.

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH DISCHARGES MAY BE OBTAINED. •

His Majesty having been pleased to direct that Soldiers may be allowed to *purchase or obtain their Discharges* under certain conditions and limitations, the terms are to be regulated by the following Scale, viz. :

Period.	For Men serving in the	
	CAVALRY.	INFANTRY.
Under 7 Years' actual Service } ..	£ 30	£ 20
After 7 Years' ditto .	25	18
„ 10 „ ...	21	15
„ 12 „ ...	15	10
„ 14 „ ...	12	5
„ 15 „ ...	6	Free Discharge at Home, & in addition three Months' Pay Abroad.
„ 16 „ ...	Free Discharge.	Free Discharge, & in addition three Months' Pay at Home, and six Months' Pay Abroad.
„ 17 „ ...	Free Discharge, & three Months' Pay.	Free Discharge, & in addition six Months' Pay at Home, and one Years' Pay Abroad.
„ 18 „ .. } and to 21 „ .. }	Free Discharge, & six Months' Pay.	Free Discharge, & in addition one Years' Pay at Home, and one and a half Year's Pay Abroad.

N. B.—The *Service*, on which the above Regulations are founded, must be *Actual Service* after the Age of Eighteen Years, and is not to include the additional period usually allowed for Service in the East or West Indies.

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